



!!!

**SHE'S NOT BAD.
YOU DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING TO HER
YET, DID YOU?**

**OF COURSE NOT.
ALL THE
CONSTELLATIONS
HAVE THEIR EYES
ON THIS PLACE.**



IS THAT...?!



**THE PLAGIARIST,
SUYEONG HAN!**



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POW

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HEY, WHO'S
NEXT?



LET'S
ROCK-PAPER-
SCISSORS
FOR IT.

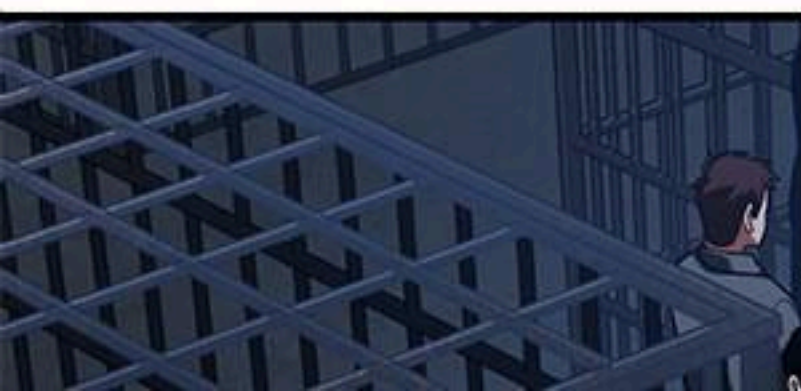


SUYEONG
WILL DEFINITELY DIE
IF I LEAVE HER
LIKE THIS.



BUT IF I KEEP HER ALIVE,
SHE'LL GET IN MY WAY.

ASIDE FROM ME,
SHE KNOWS THE MOST
ABOUT THIS WORLD.





THE SCENARIO
HAS CHANGED
A LOT,

SO A LOT OF

WHAT SHE KNOWS
IS USELESS NOW.
BUT STILL...



**WAIT.
WHAT THE HELL
AM I SAYING?**





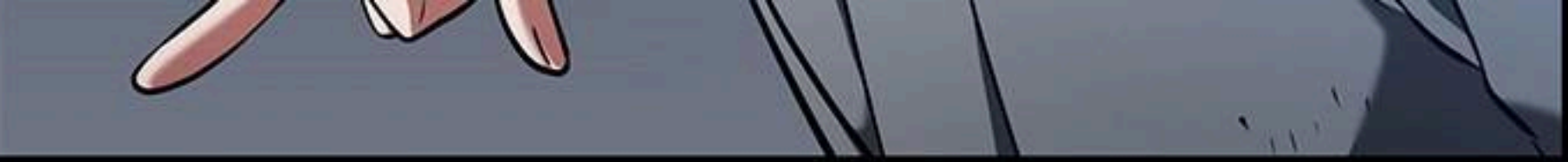
IS IT RIGHT FOR ME
TO DECIDE WHO
TO KEEP ALIVE...

...AND WHO TO LET
DIE BASED ON HOW
USEFUL THEY'LL BE?

DOKJA.
IF YOU PROMISE ME
ONE THING, I CAN
GIVE HER TO YOU.

HOW
ABOUT IT?





WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?





YOU BELONG TO
A GROUP, RIGHT?
INTRODUCE ME TO
THEM.

WE'RE PREPARING
TO EXPAND OUR
FORCES, YOU SEE.



YOU SEEM
TO BE FAIRLY
WELL EQUIPPED
YOURSELF.

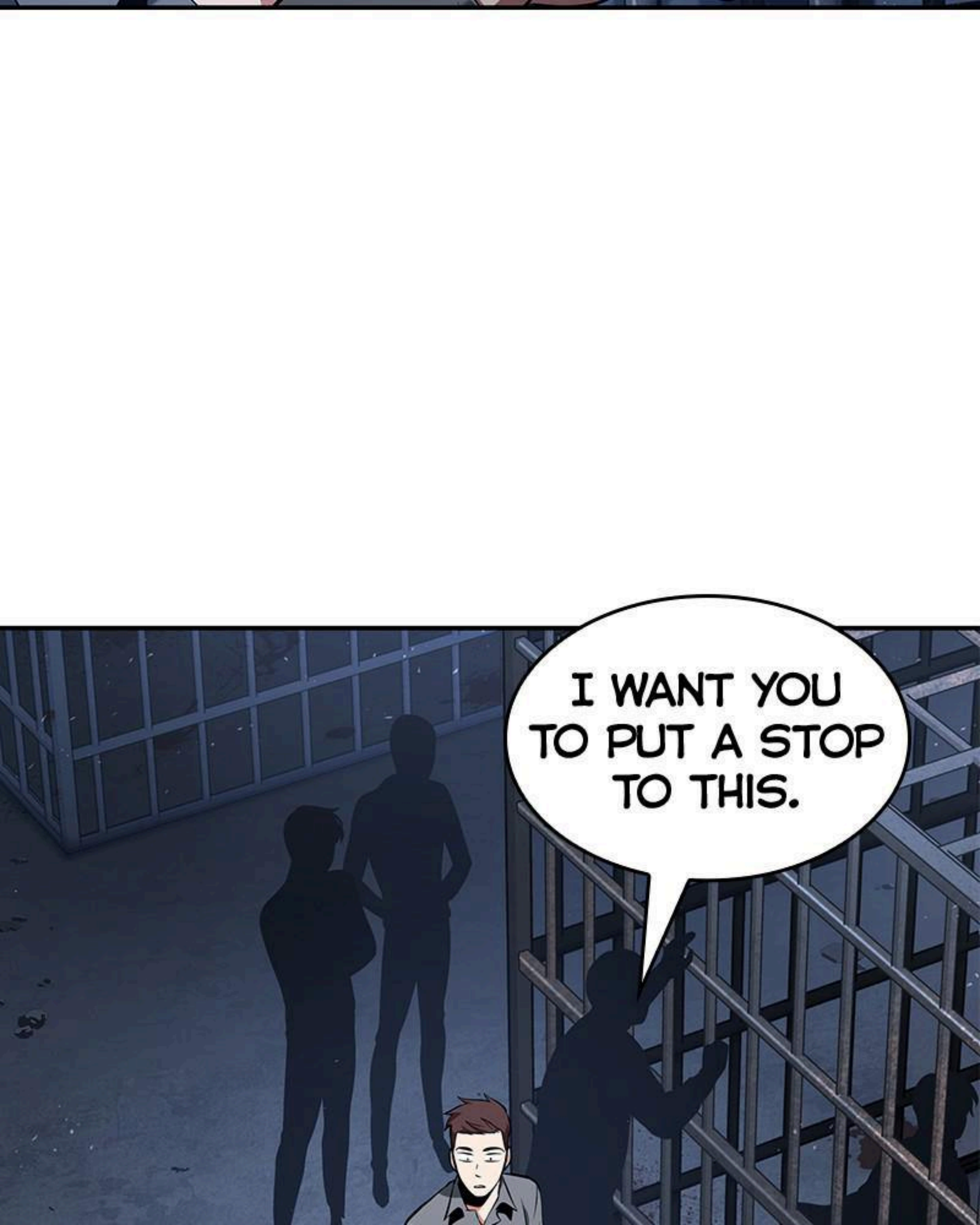






IN RETURN,
I'LL--

HUH?

A comic book panel showing a man with brown hair and a grey shirt looking up in a prison corridor. Two silhouetted figures stand in the background, and a third silhouette is in the foreground near a metal railing. A speech bubble from the figure in the foreground contains the text.

I WANT YOU
TO PUT A STOP
TO THIS.



HUFF

HUFF

P-PLEASE.
CALM DOWN.

LET ME OUT!





YEAH!
KILL HIM!

SEE?
YOU'VE GOT THIS!





WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING,
DOKJA?



LET THESE
PEOPLE GO.



WHAT?



THAN THIS.

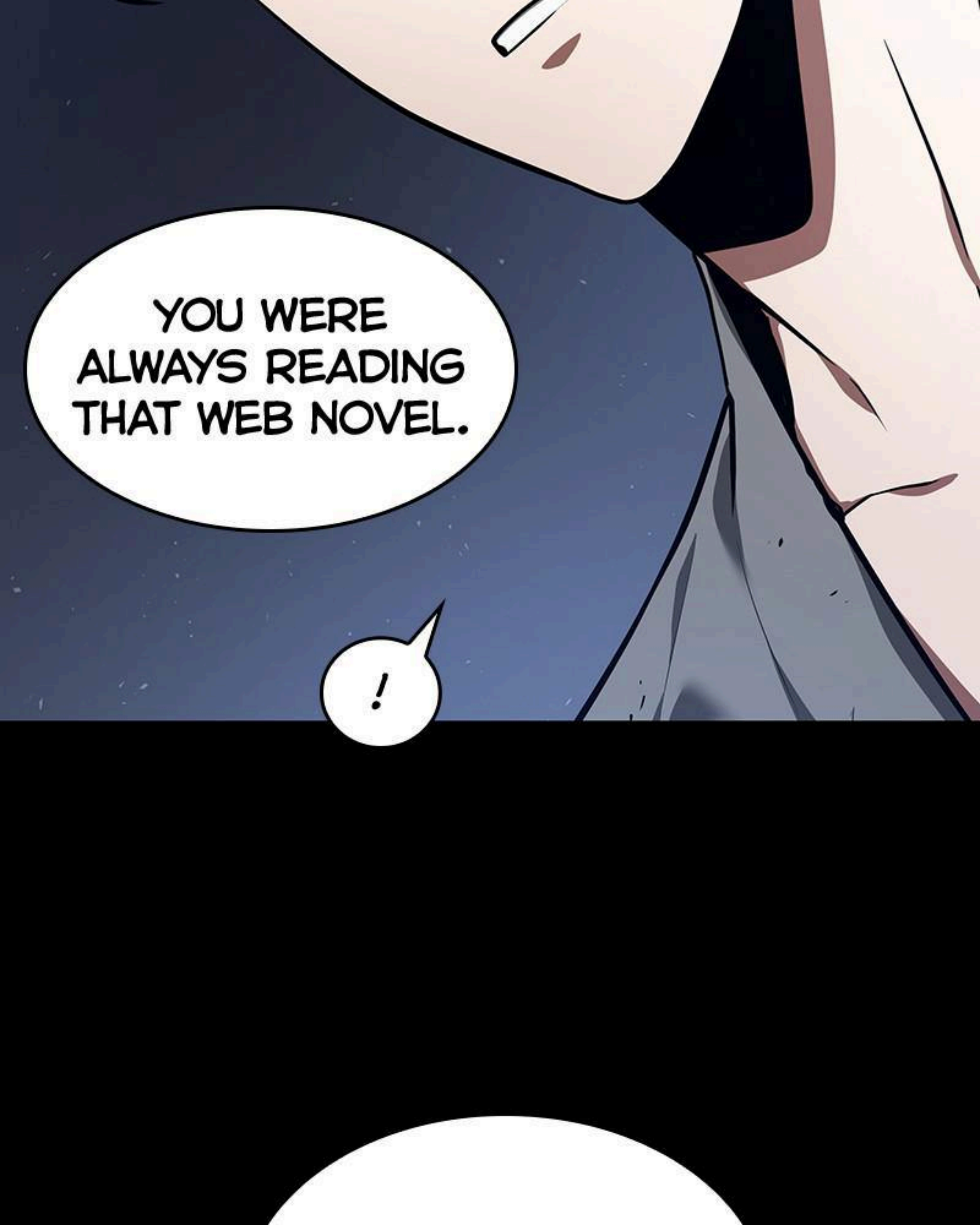


WE'VE KNOWN
EACH OTHER FOR
A LONG TIME.

IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU TO SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



COME ON,
DOKJA.



YOU WERE
ALWAYS READING
THAT WEB NOVEL.

!

YOU WERE ALWAYS
WEARING THOSE
DARK CLOTHES,

AND YOUR
ONLY FRIENDS WERE
ME AND A COUPLE OF
YOUR COLLEAGUES.

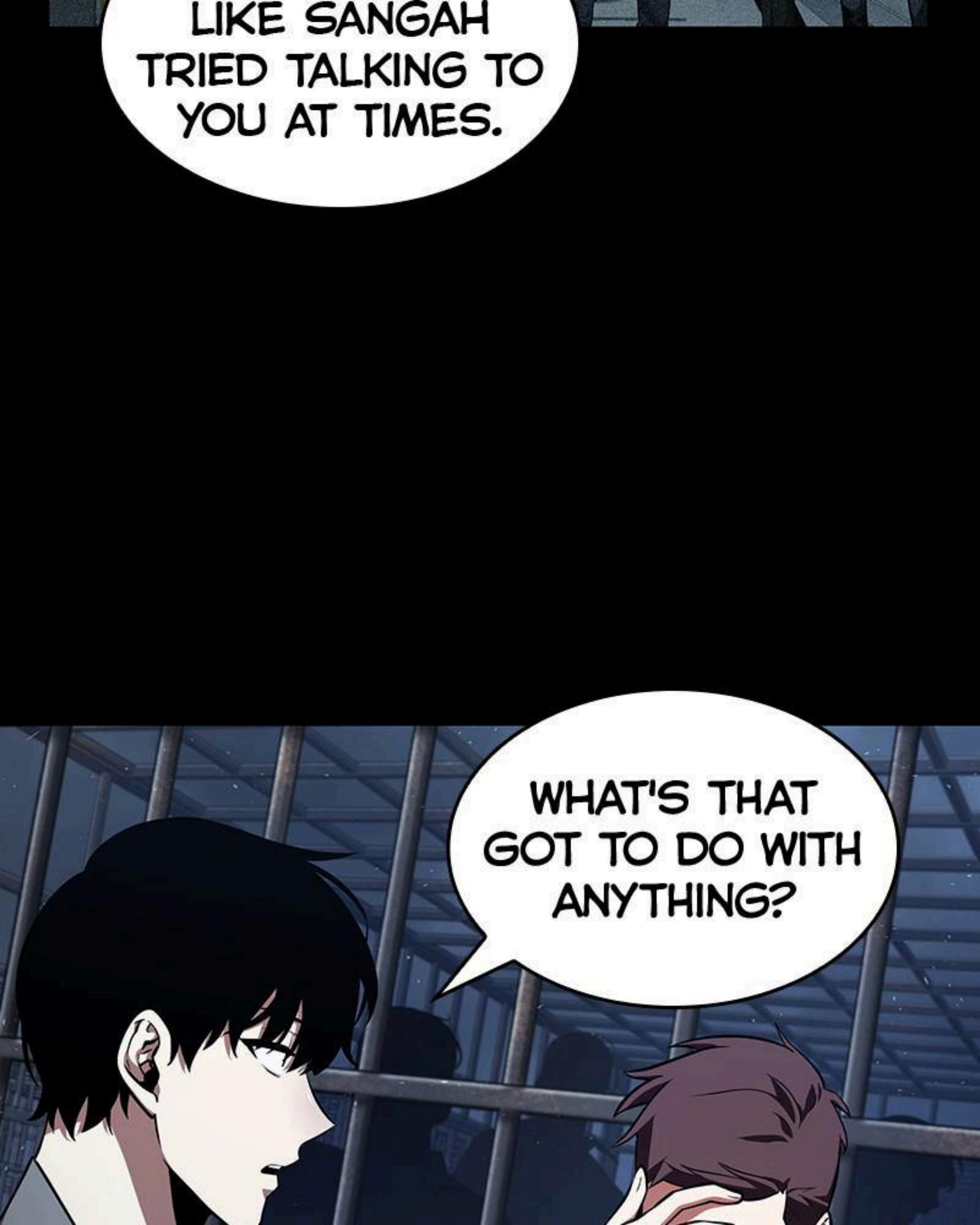
GOOD MORNING,
DOKJA!

OH, HI.

ONLY PEOPLE



LIKE SANGAH
TRIED TALKING TO
YOU AT TIMES.



WHAT'S THAT
GOT TO DO WITH
ANYTHING?



HEHEHE.

YOU'RE
SECRETLY
ENJOYING THIS,
RIGHT?

AM I
WRONG?





I'M JUST
LIKE YOU, DOKJA.
WE WERE IN THE
QA DEPARTMENT
TOGETHER.

DO YOU
REMEMBER WHAT
THE OTHERS
CALLED US
AT WORK?



LAB RATS.

**GOOD-FOR-
NOTHING GAME
TESTERS WHO
HAVE NOTHING
BETTER TO
OFFER.**

**BUT LOOK AT
THEM NOW.**





THEY'RE
THE PEOPLE
WHO USED TO
LOOK DOWN
ON US.

DO YOU KNOW
HOW MUCH
COIN WE EARN
WITH THEM?

MR. Y-YUN!

A person wearing a light blue button-down shirt is shown from the chest down, holding a black bag or folder. The background is dark and indistinct.

**I HAVE
NO IDEA.**

**CAN YOU EVEN
IMAGINE?**

**WE RACK
IN 5,000 COINS
DAILY!**



WE EARN
5,000 COINS
WITHOUT HAVING
TO CLEAR ANY

TO CLEAR ANY
SCENARIOS!

THIS IS
EXACTLY WHAT OUR
COMPANY DID FOR THE
GAME MONETIZATION
MODELS!

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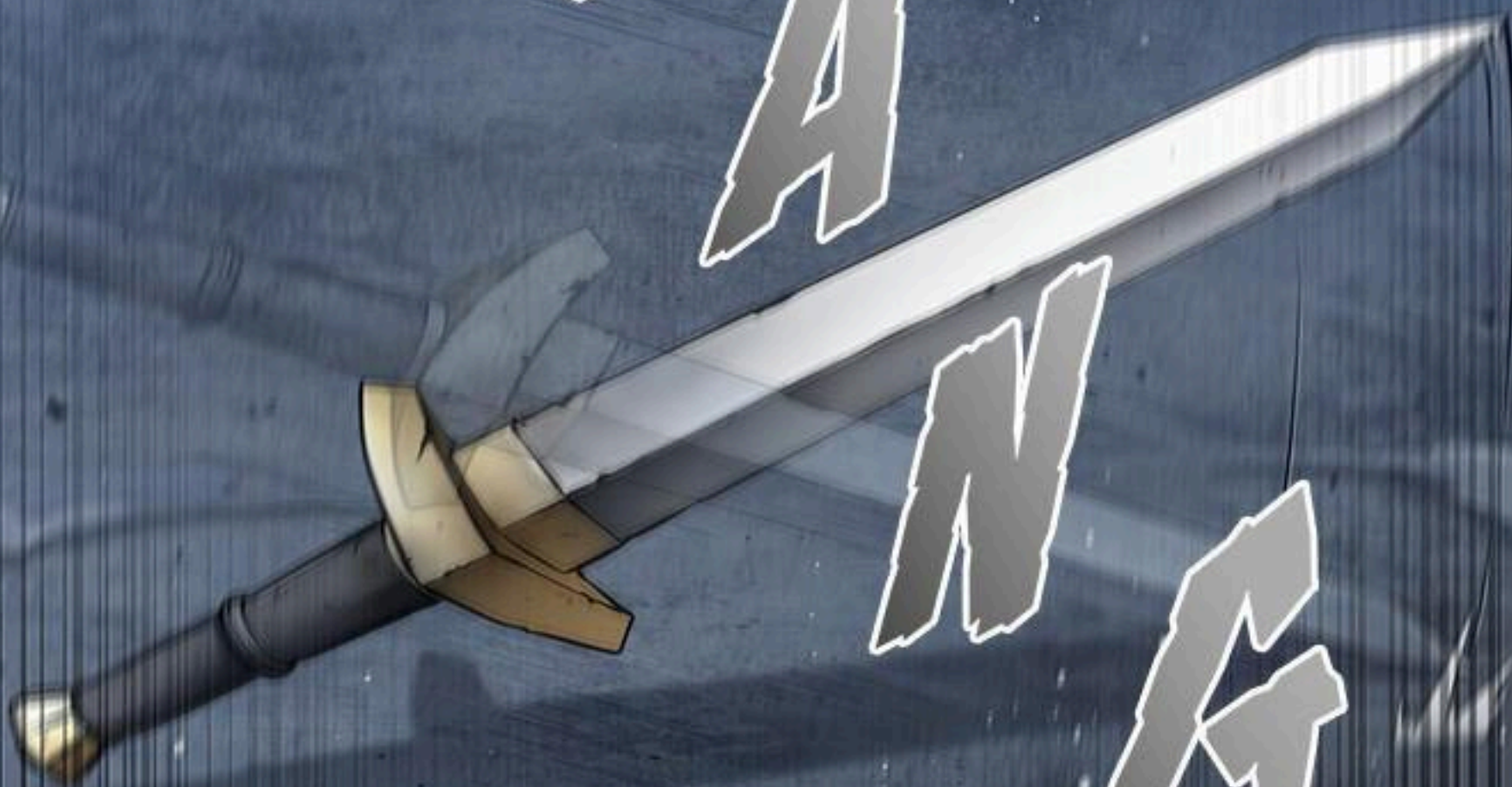


I-I CAN'T DO IT.





CLANG

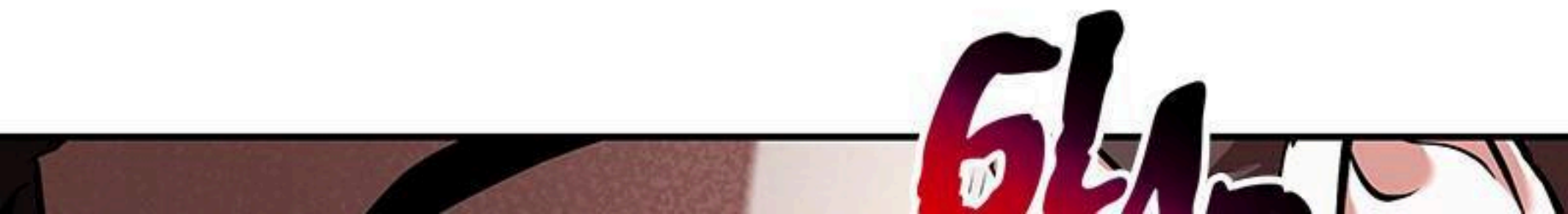




I JUST...



...CAN'T DO IT
ANYMORE!





!

THAT
PATHETIC...
HE'S RUINED IT.

HEY.





[SOME CONSTELLATIONS ARE
DISAPPOINTED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS.]



A close-up of a hand with light skin and short, clean nails pointing downwards. The hand is wearing a dark grey sleeve.

IF IT'S
COINS YOU'RE
AFTER...

A character with dark, spiky hair and a white earpiece is shown from the back of the head, looking towards the right. They are wearing a grey garment.

...THERE IS
A BETTER WAY.



HUH?

WHAT IS IT?
IS THERE A WAY
TO SPICE THINGS
UP IN THERE?





WE CAN USE THE
CONSTELLATIONS
WHO LIKE EXCITING
THINGS.

HOW CAN
YOU MAKE THIS
ANY MORE
TITILLATING?

I KNEW
I COULD
COUNT ON
YOU.

GO ON.
I'M ALL EARS.

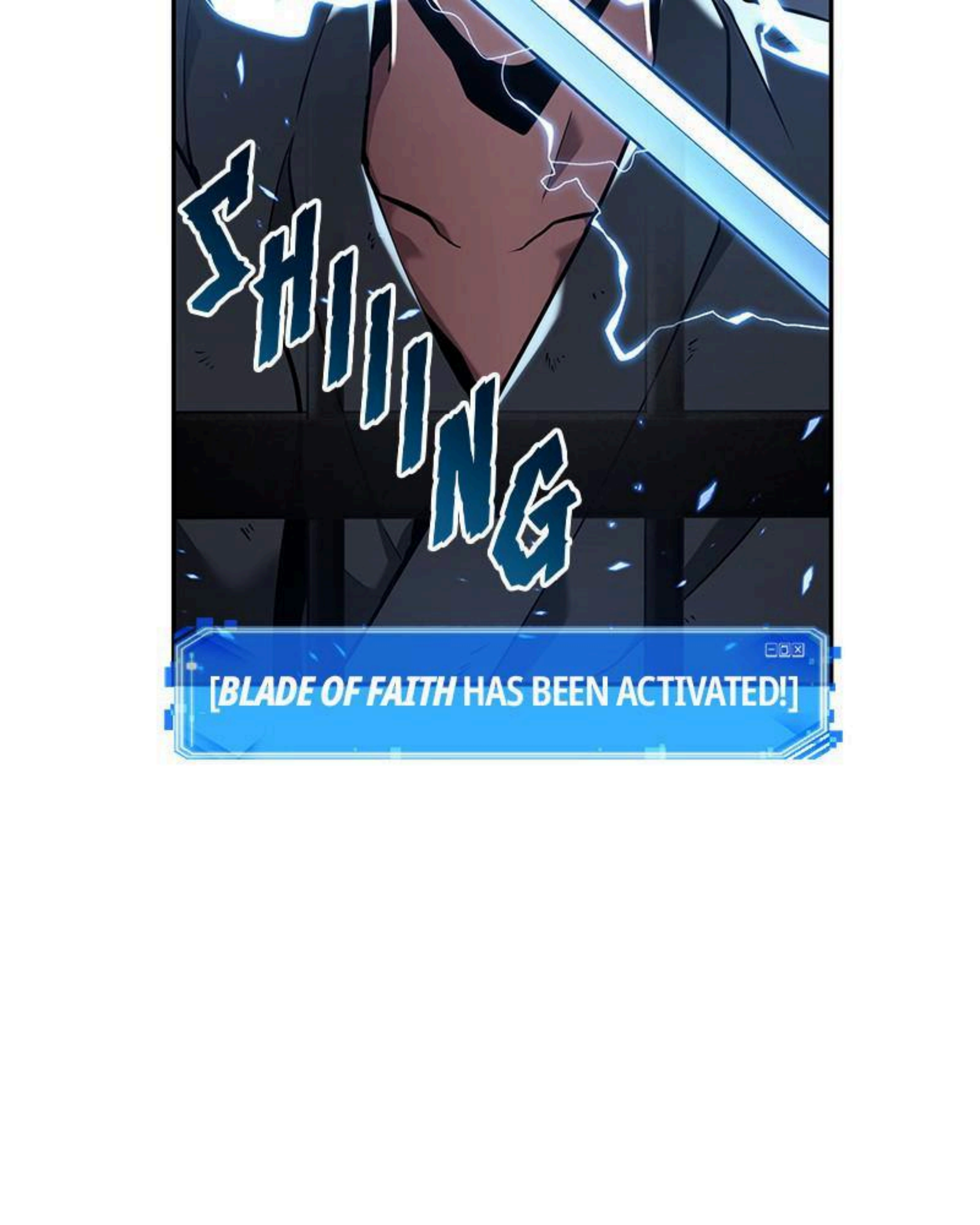
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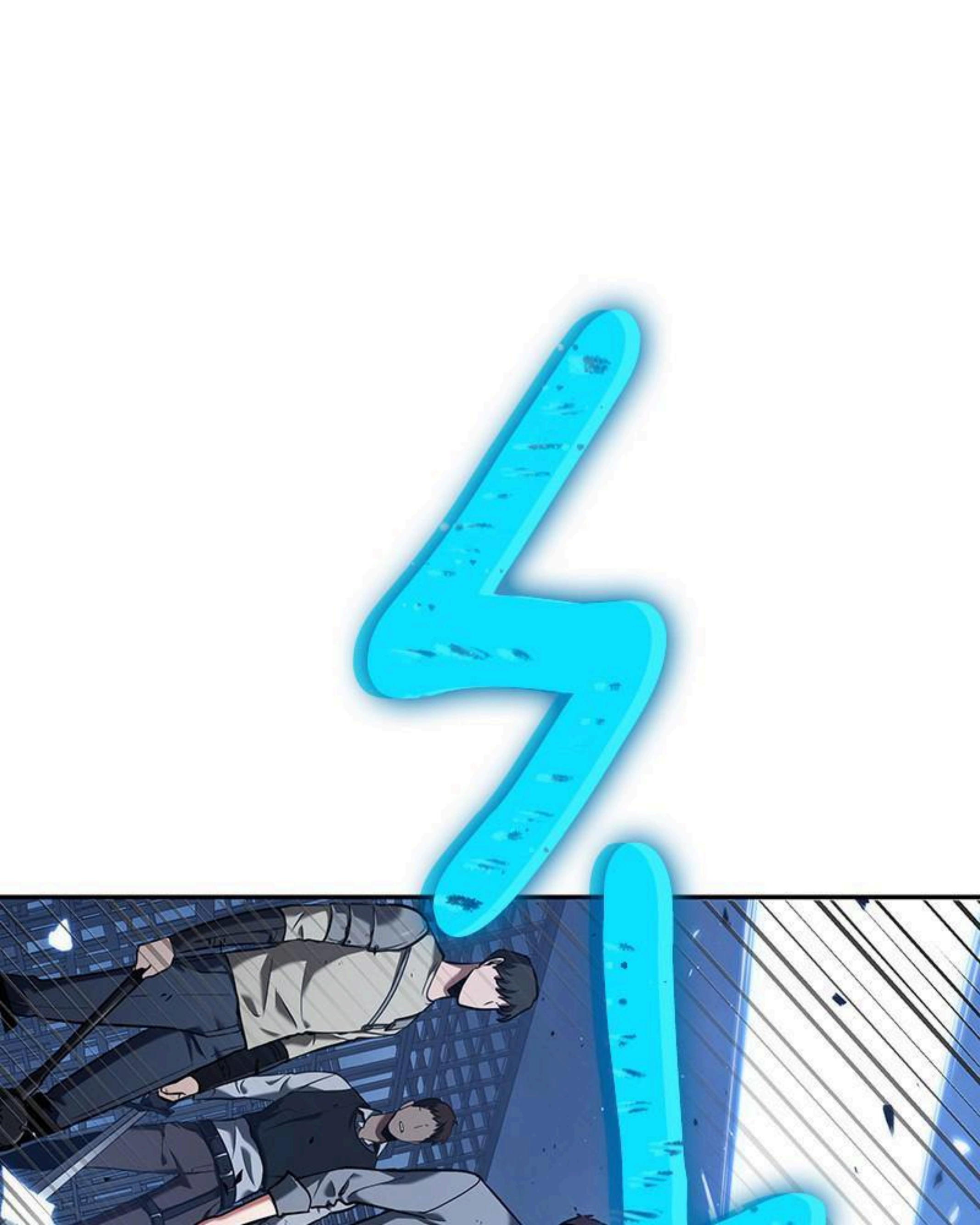
WHAT
CONSTELLATIONS
REALLY LOVE
IS...





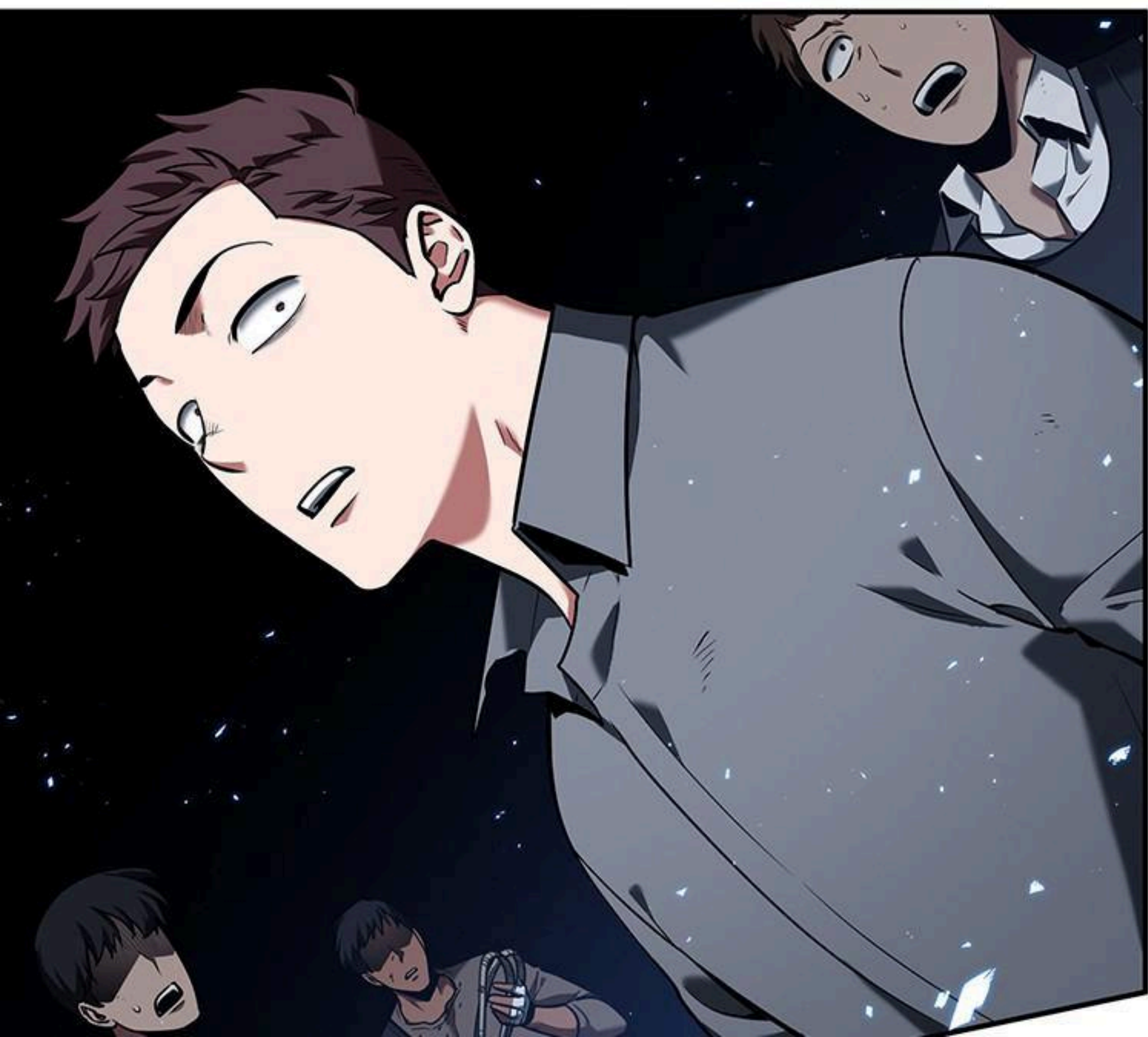
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[BLADE OF FAITH HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!]











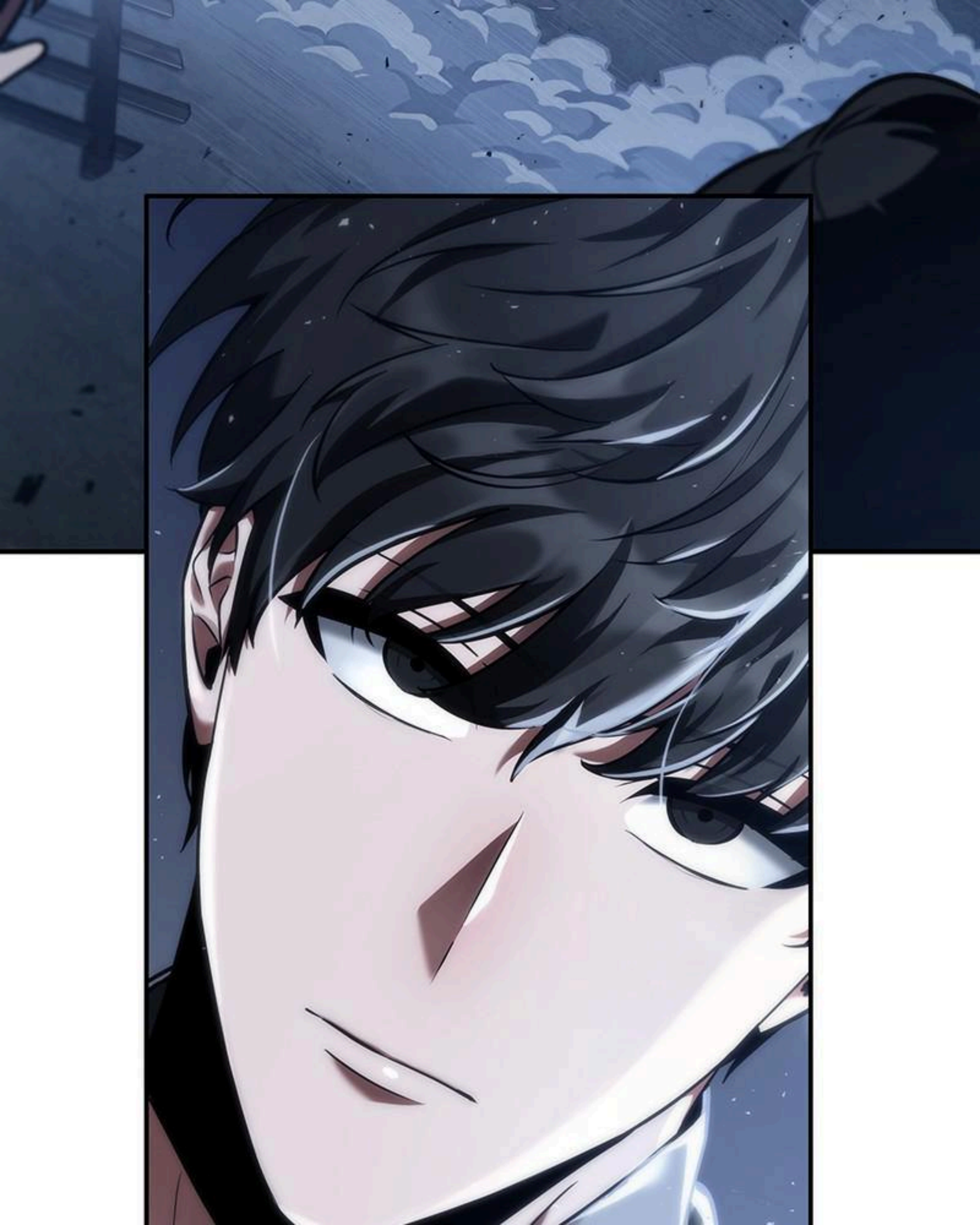






...IS THIS.



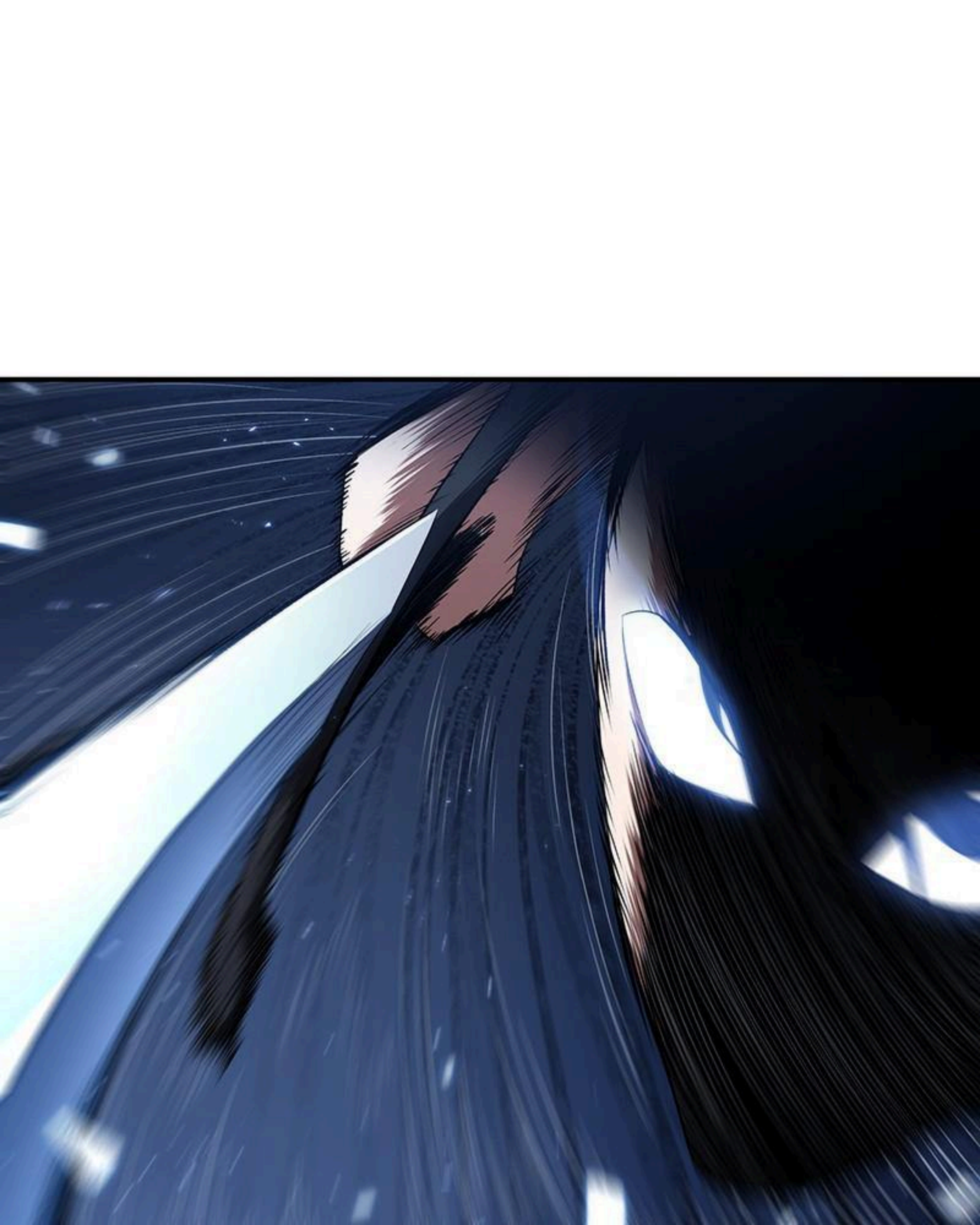




W-WHAT
THE HELL ARE
YOU DOING?!

WHY DID YOU
BREAK THE
CAGE?



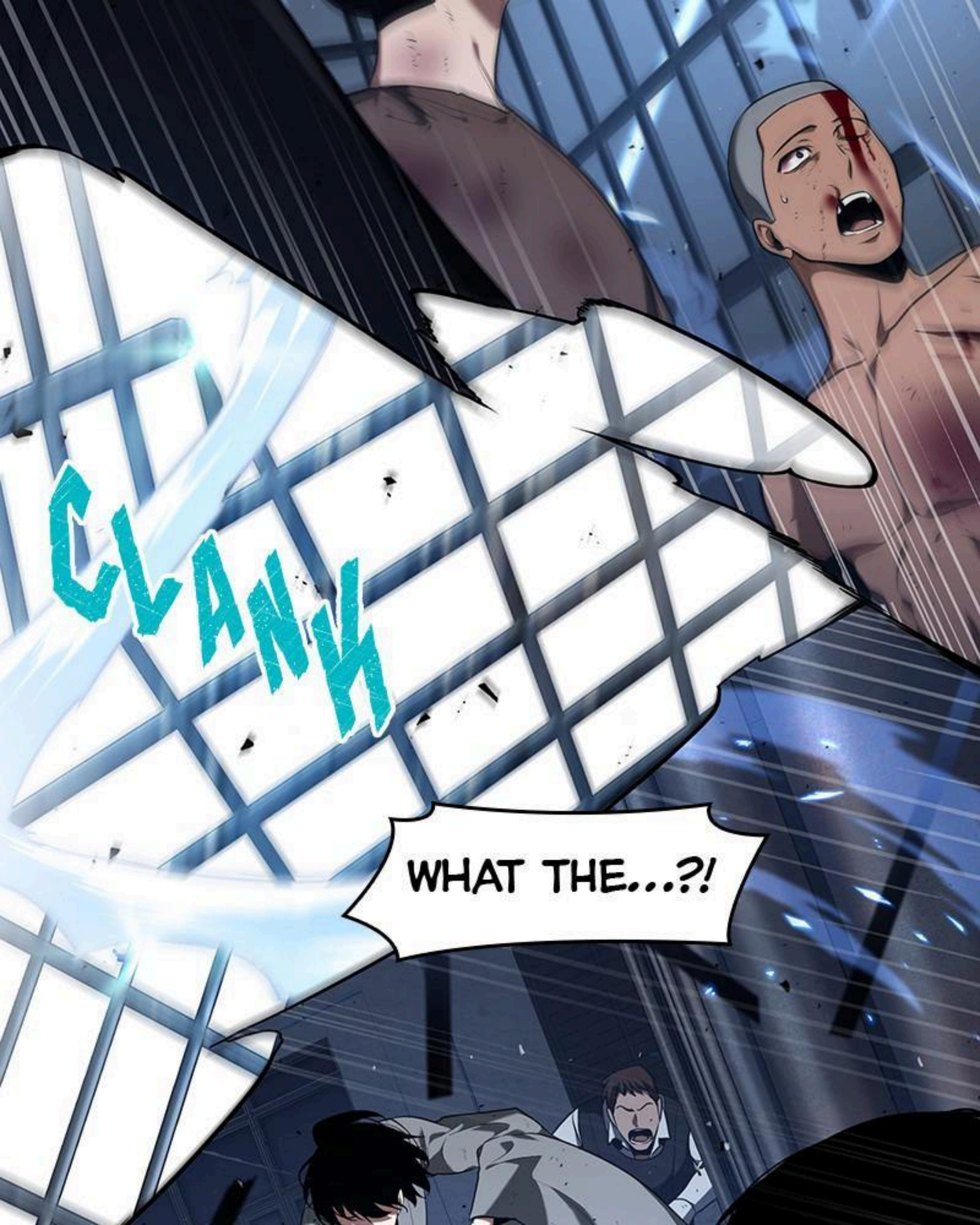




AND THIS,
TOO.

CLANG

?!



CLANK

WHAT THE...?!



GET HIM!

AND...



...THIS,
ALSO.



AGH!





AAAAAH!





W-WHAT
DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING,
DOKJA?!





I'M
THANKING
YOU...

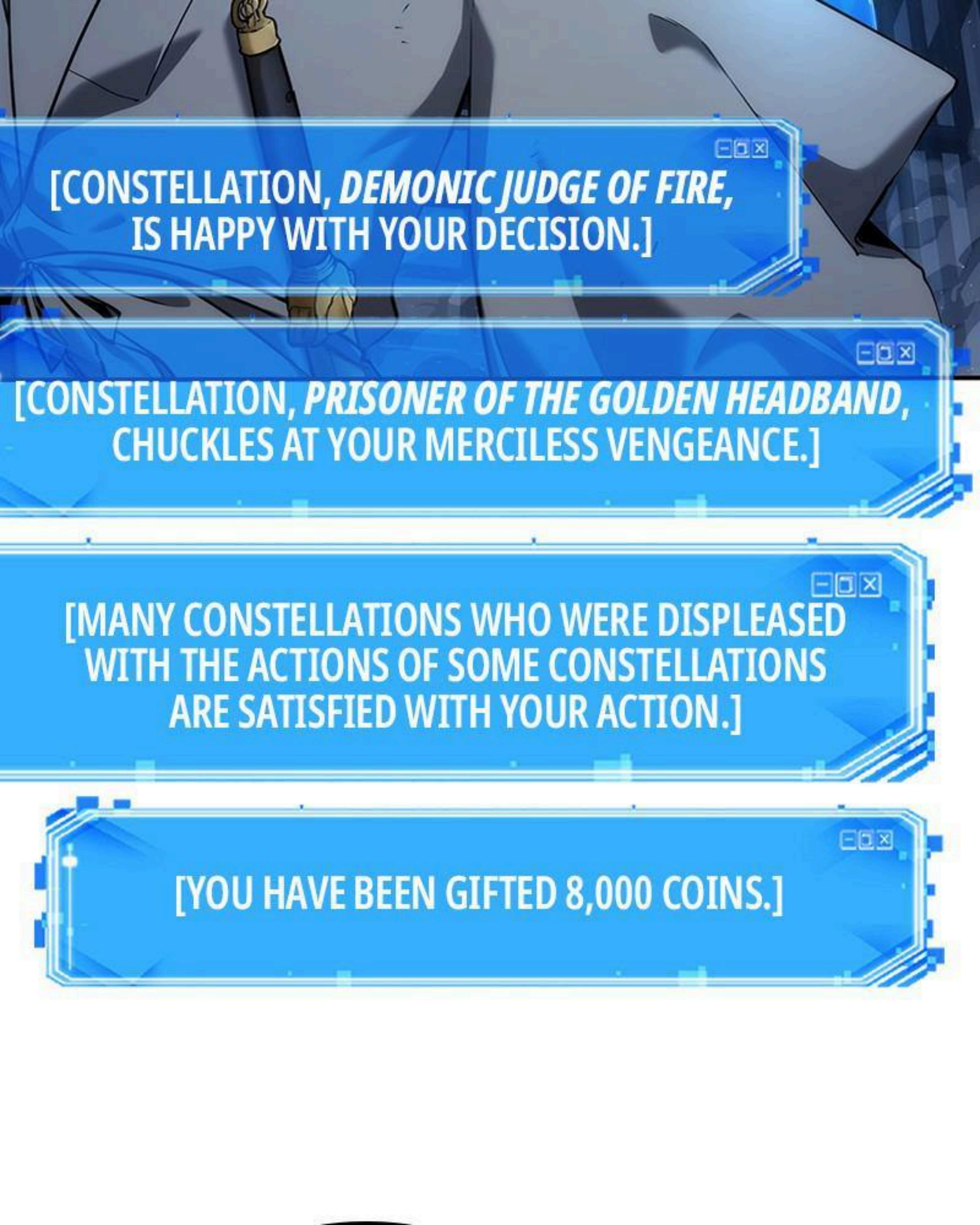




...FOR CREATING

A SITUATION THAT
THE CONSTELLATIONS
WOULD *REALLY*
LOVE.





[CONSTELLATION, *DEMONIC JUDGE OF FIRE*,
IS HAPPY WITH YOUR DECISION.]

[CONSTELLATION, *PRISONER OF THE GOLDEN HEADBAND*,
CHUCKLES AT YOUR MERCILESS VENGEANCE.]

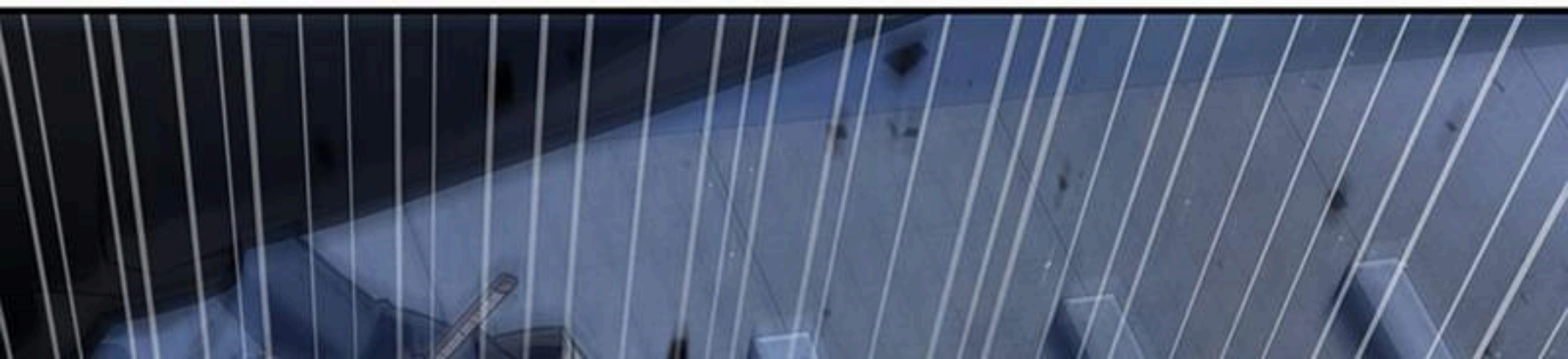
[MANY CONSTELLATIONS WHO WERE DISPLEASED
WITH THE ACTIONS OF SOME CONSTELLATIONS
ARE SATISFIED WITH YOUR ACTION.]

[YOU HAVE BEEN GIFTED 8,000 COINS.]

WHY
BOTHER MAKING
A *FARM*...

WHEN IT'S
THIS EASY TO
EARN COINS?

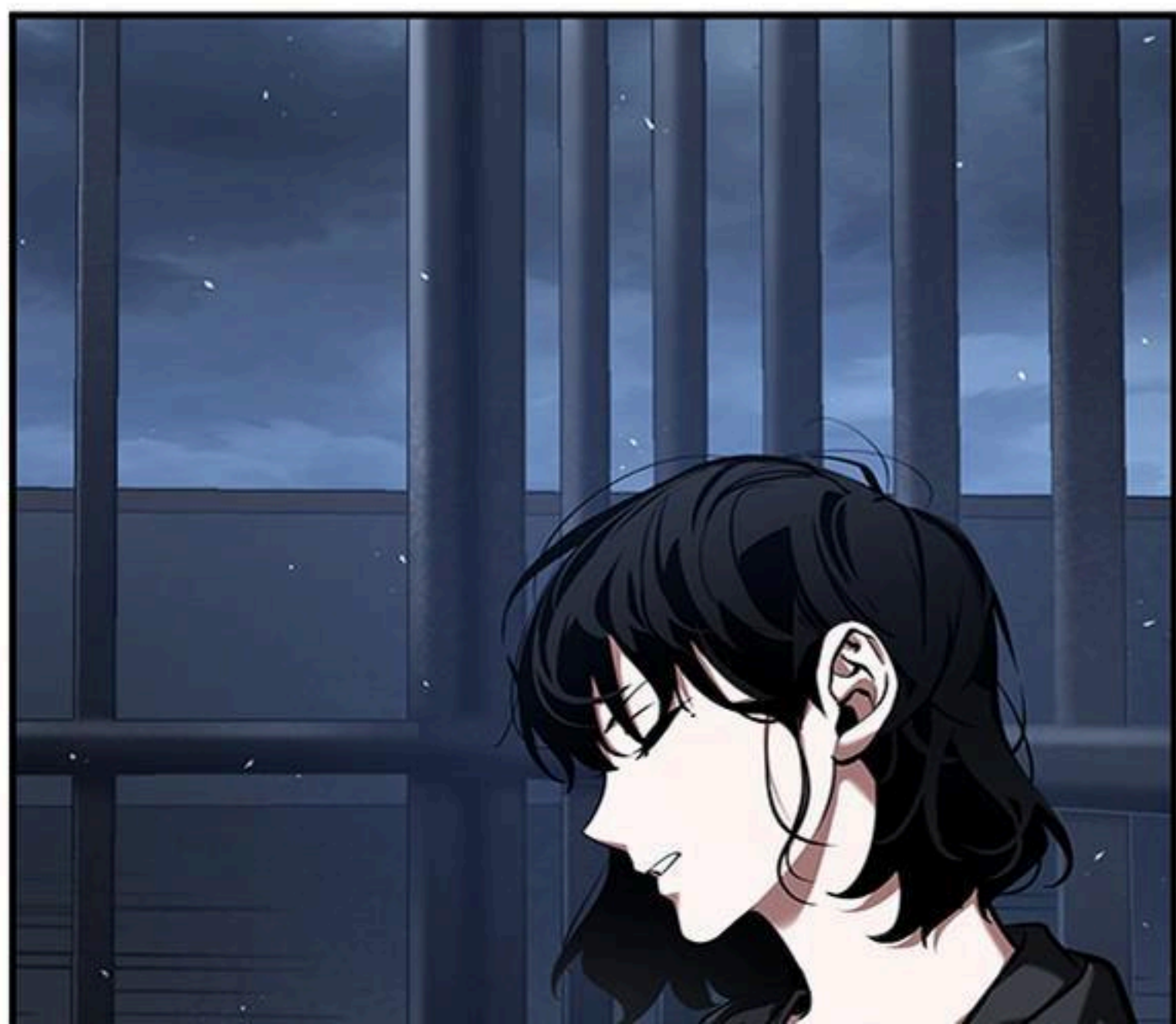




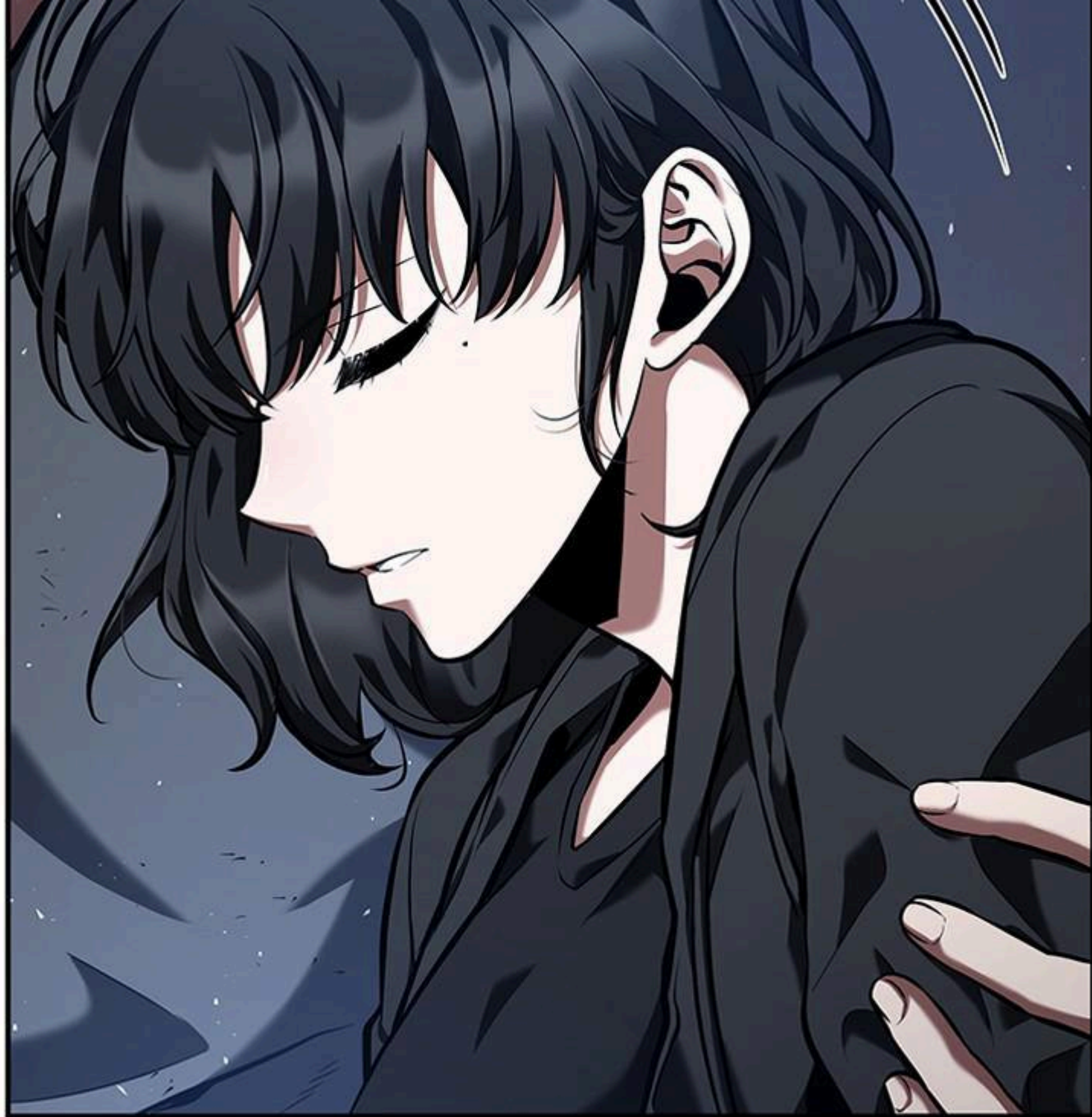
GET HIM!













WHAT DO YOU



THINK YOU'RE
DOING?

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A comic book panel showing the lower half of a character. The character is wearing dark, form-fitting pants and black boots with white laces. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a floor or a wall. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper left corner, and a large, empty speech bubble is in the lower center.

YOU WERE
AWAKE?

I WAS
PRETENDING TO BE
PASSED OUT SO I COULD
KILL THEM ALL AT ONCE
WHEN THEIR GUARDS
WERE DOWN.

IS THAT SO?
I'LL LEAVE YOU
TO IT, THEN.

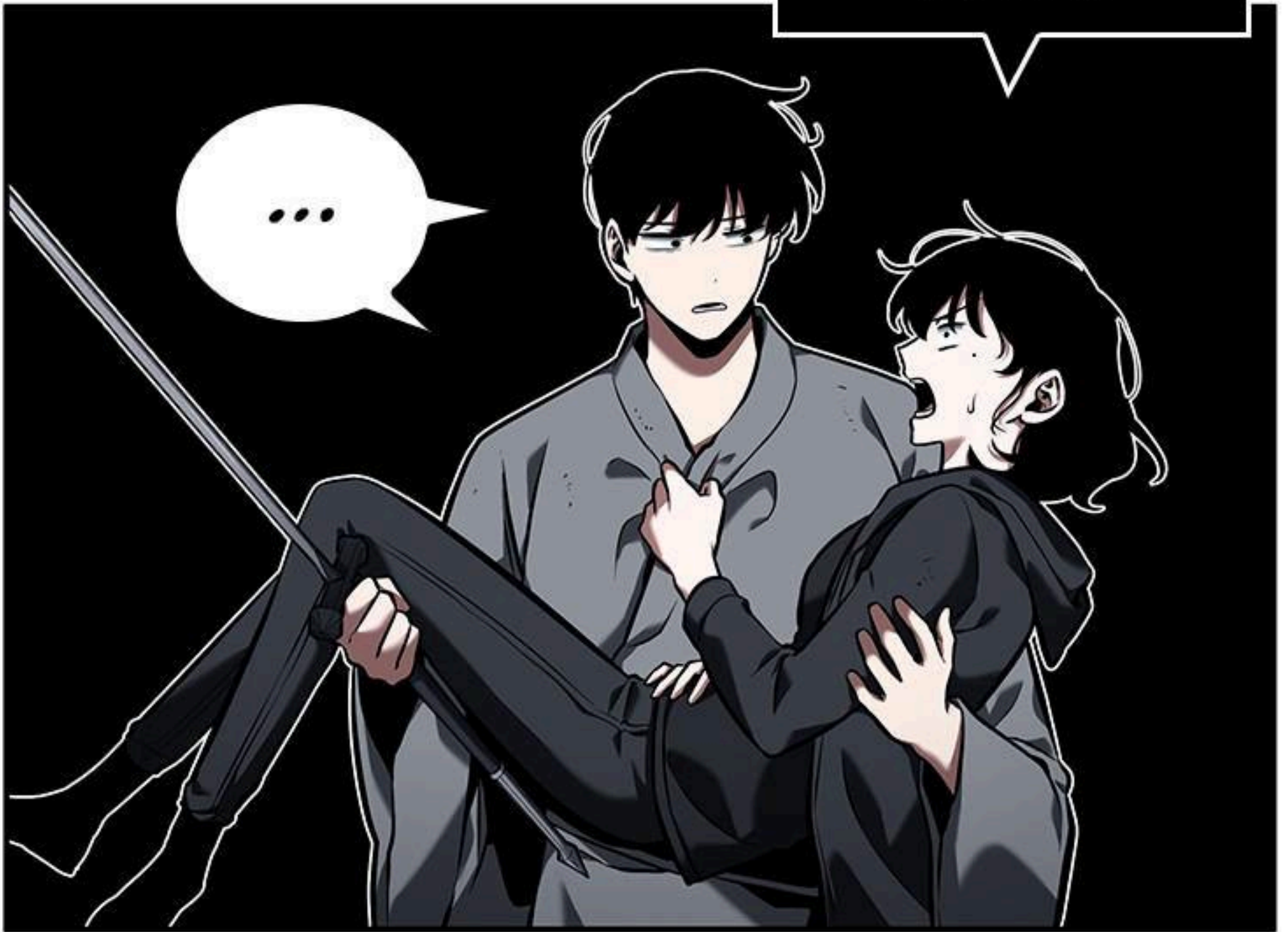
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OUT OF
HEALTH AND
MANA.



IF YOU SAVE ME,
ALL THE
CONSTELLATIONS
IN YOUR CHANNEL
WILL LEAVE.

DON'T
YOU KNOW THEY
HATE SEEING THINGS
DRAG ON?

OVER THERE!
THAT'S HIM!





THERE
ARE SOME
WHO LIKE IT.

SO DO YOU
WANT ME TO
SAVE YOU
OR NOT?

[A CONSTELLATION WHO HAS BEEN
LOOKING FORWARD TO A HAREM CLASPS
HIS HANDS IN ANTICIPATION.]

[A CONSTELLATION WHO LIVES BY
"*THE ENEMY OF THE ENEMY IS A FRIEND*" IS HAPPY.]

THIS IS
A CLICHÉ.
YOU KNOW THAT,
RIGHT?

THE HERO
WHO SAVES
A BEAUTY
IN DISTRESS.





...

I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T LIKE
CLICHÉS?

YOU'RE
WRONG ABOUT
TWO THINGS.



ACK!

SMACK

A comic panel background showing a dark, rainy scene with blue diagonal streaks representing rain. A portion of a character's leg and foot is visible in the upper left corner.

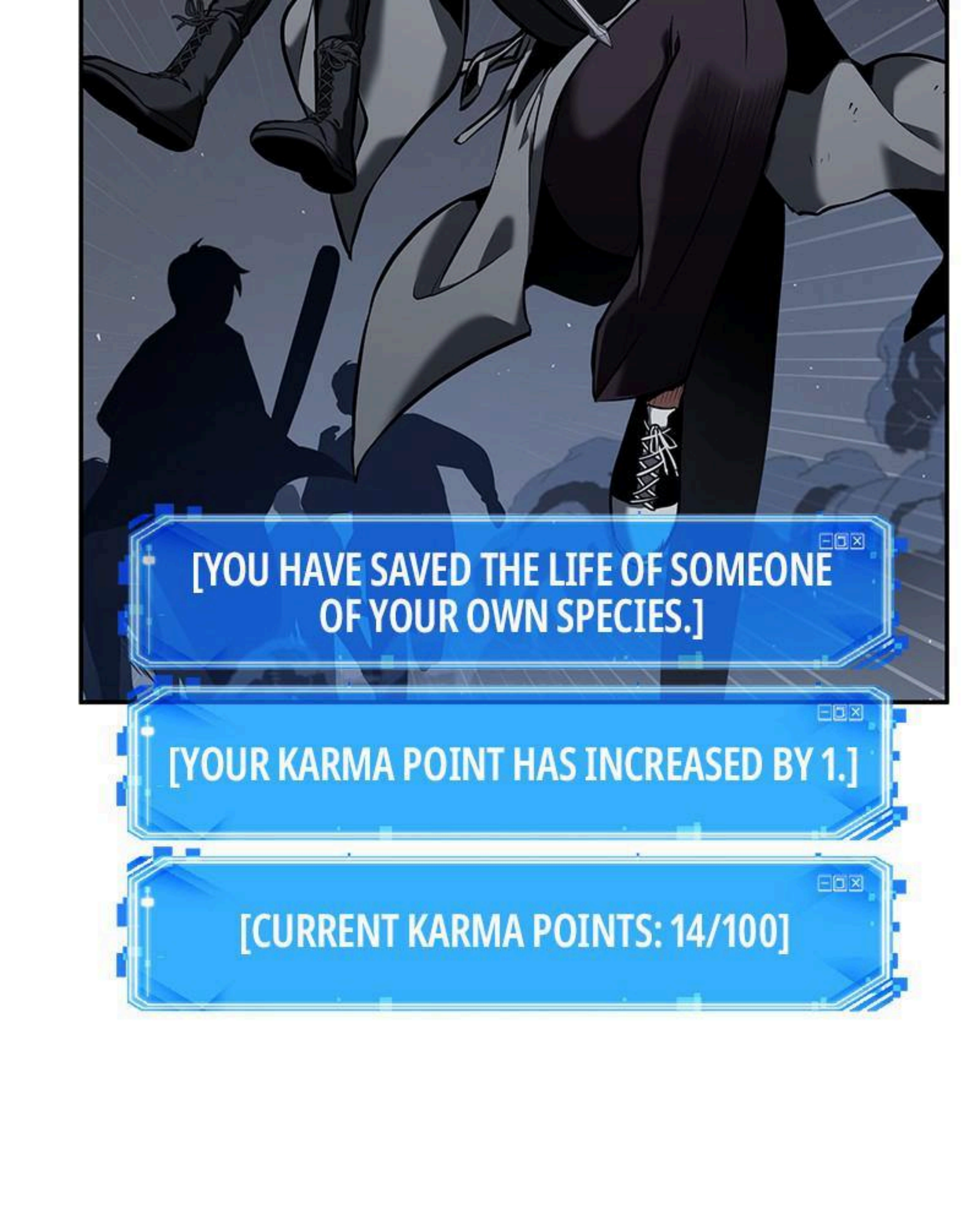
**DAMN IT.
THE WANDERERS
FROM OTHER
AREAS MUST BE
GATHERING.**



ONE.
I'M NOT A
HERO.

DON'T LET THEM
GET AWAY!

BRING SOME
MORE MEN
OVER!



[YOU HAVE SAVED THE LIFE OF SOMEONE
OF YOUR OWN SPECIES.]

[YOUR KARMA POINT HAS INCREASED BY 1.]

[CURRENT KARMA POINTS: 14/100]

KARMA POINTS ARE
REQUIRED TO USE
THE EFFECTS OF *THE KING
OF NO KILLING*.

I GAIN A POINT
WHenever THE SYSTEM
DECIDES THAT I'VE
SAVED SOMEONE.

THIS MEANS THAT
SUYEONG
WOULD HAVE DIED
IF I LEFT HER
THERE.



AND TWO.



**YOU'RE
NO BEAUTY.**









LET ME DOWN!

AAAHH!



I DIDN'T MEAN
LIKE THAT!



**FIGHT WITH ME.
YOU LOVE
CLICHÉS.**

**I'VE SET
THE STAGE
FOR YOU.**









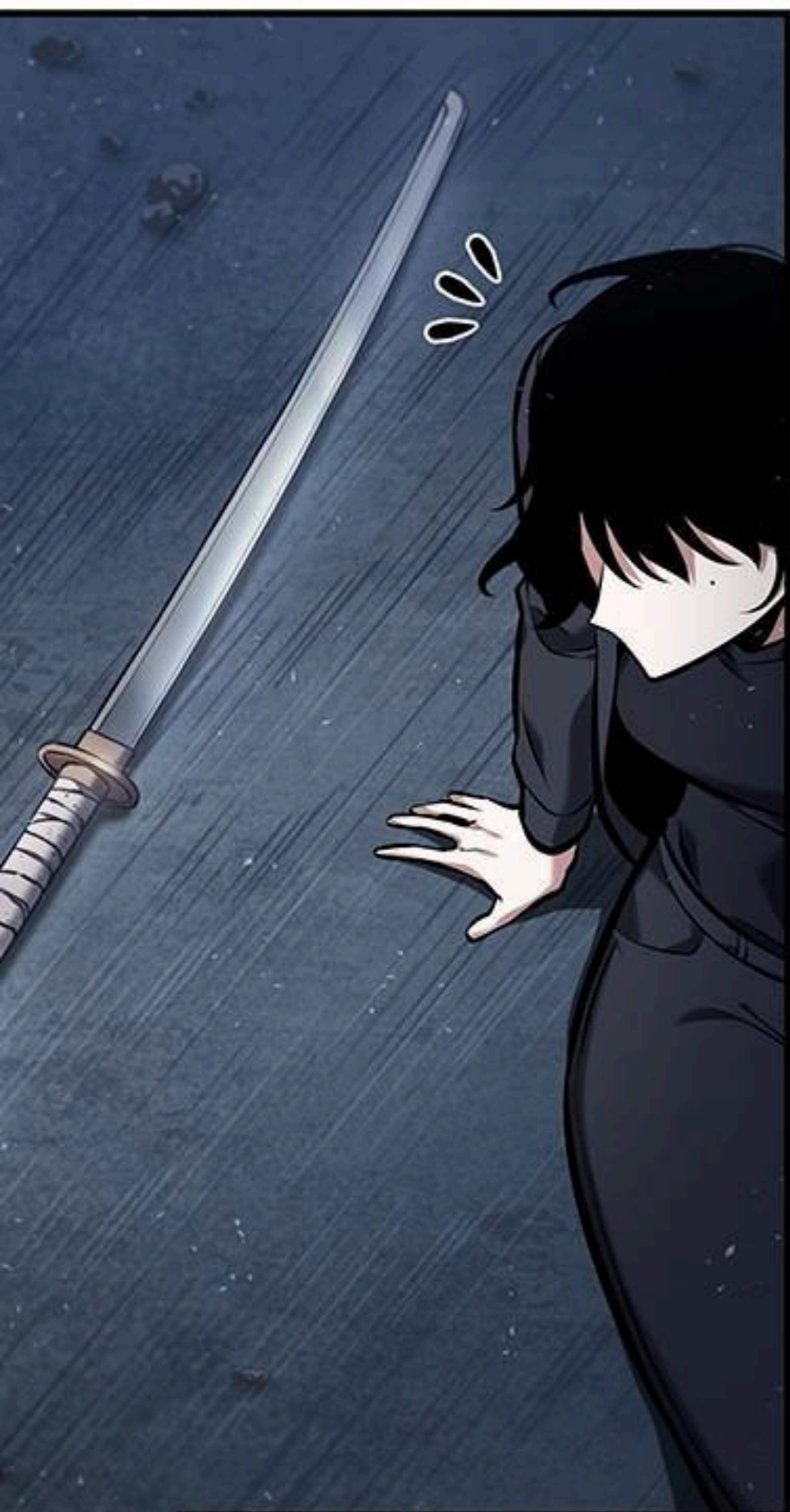
I MAY LIKE
CLICHÉS...





...BUT
HOLDING HANDS
WITH A FORMER
ENEMY OF
MINE...

IS MUCH
TOO PASSÉ,
EVEN FOR ME.



AND
THAT'S WHY..



...WE'RE
GOING TO QUICKLY
GET THIS OVER
WITH AND MOVE
ON TO THE NEXT
STAGE.





IT'S TOO LATE
FOR YOU TO TRY
AND LOOK COOL
NOW.



<SUB SCENARIO - SURVIVAL ACTIVITIES>

CATEGORY: SUB

DIFFICULTY: C+

CLEAR CONDITIONS:

SURVIVE IN THE RUINED CITY FOR TEN DAYS. YOU MUST:

1. EAT THREE MEALS A DAY
2. SLEEP FOR SIX HOURS EVERY NIGHT
3. PAY A SURVIVAL FEE OF 500 COINS BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP

IF YOU FAIL TO PERFORM ANY OF THE THREE CONDITIONS, YOU WILL BE MET WITH A PENALTY.

DURATION: TEN DAYS

REWARD: NONE

PENALTY UPON FAILURE: DEATH

* THIS IS A SCENARIO WHERE THE [COIN EVENT] IS APPLIED.

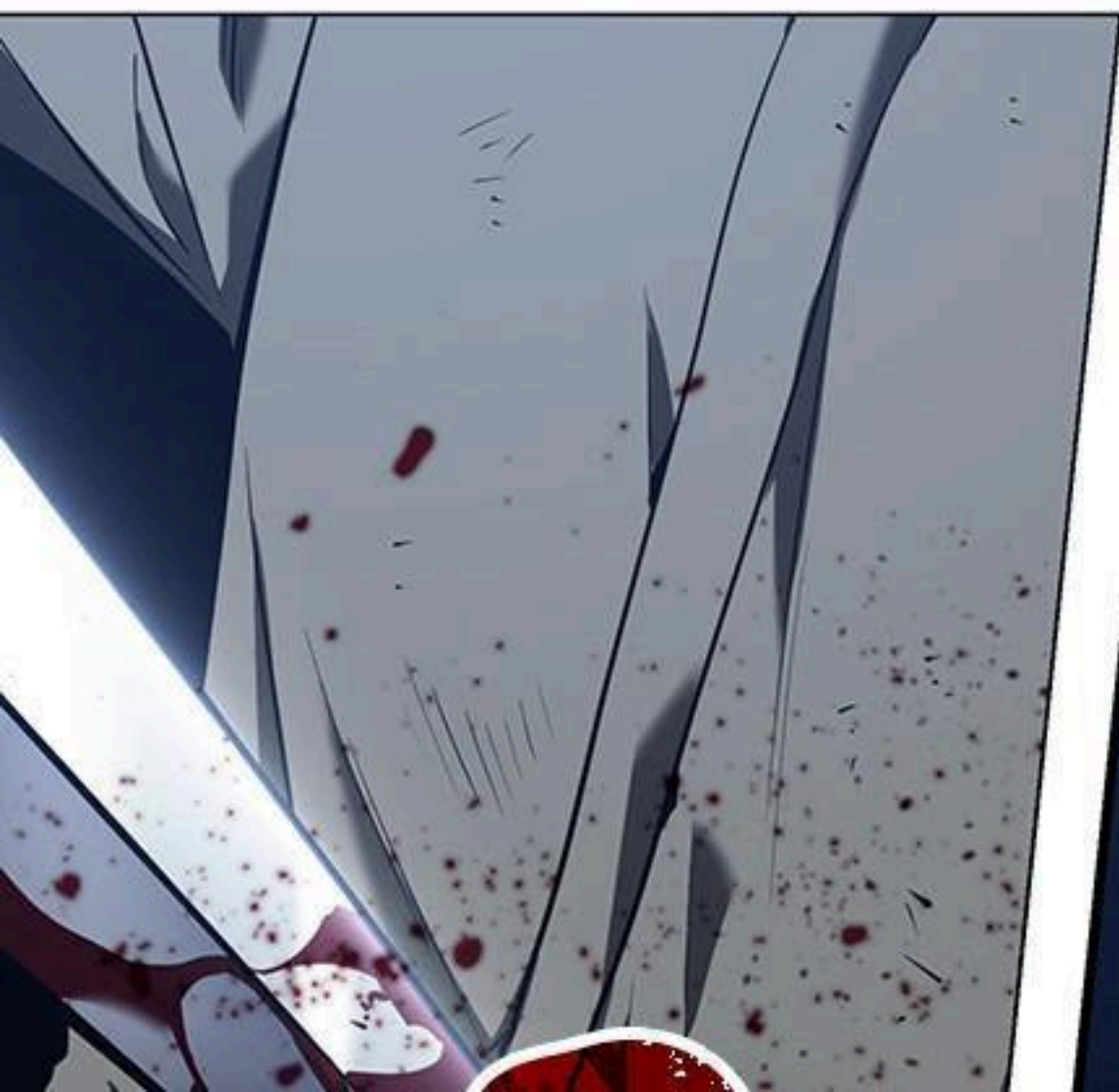
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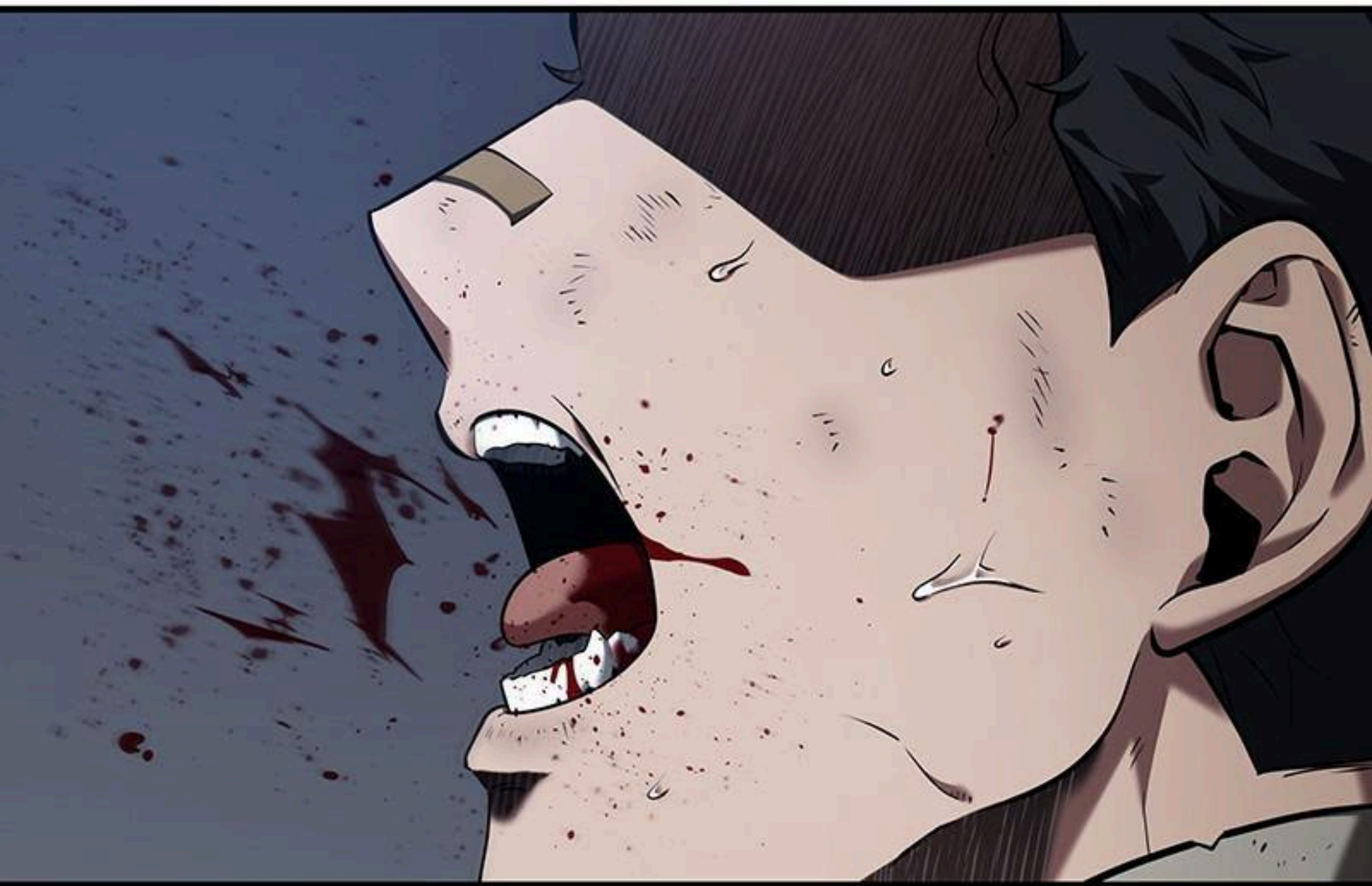
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WARNING

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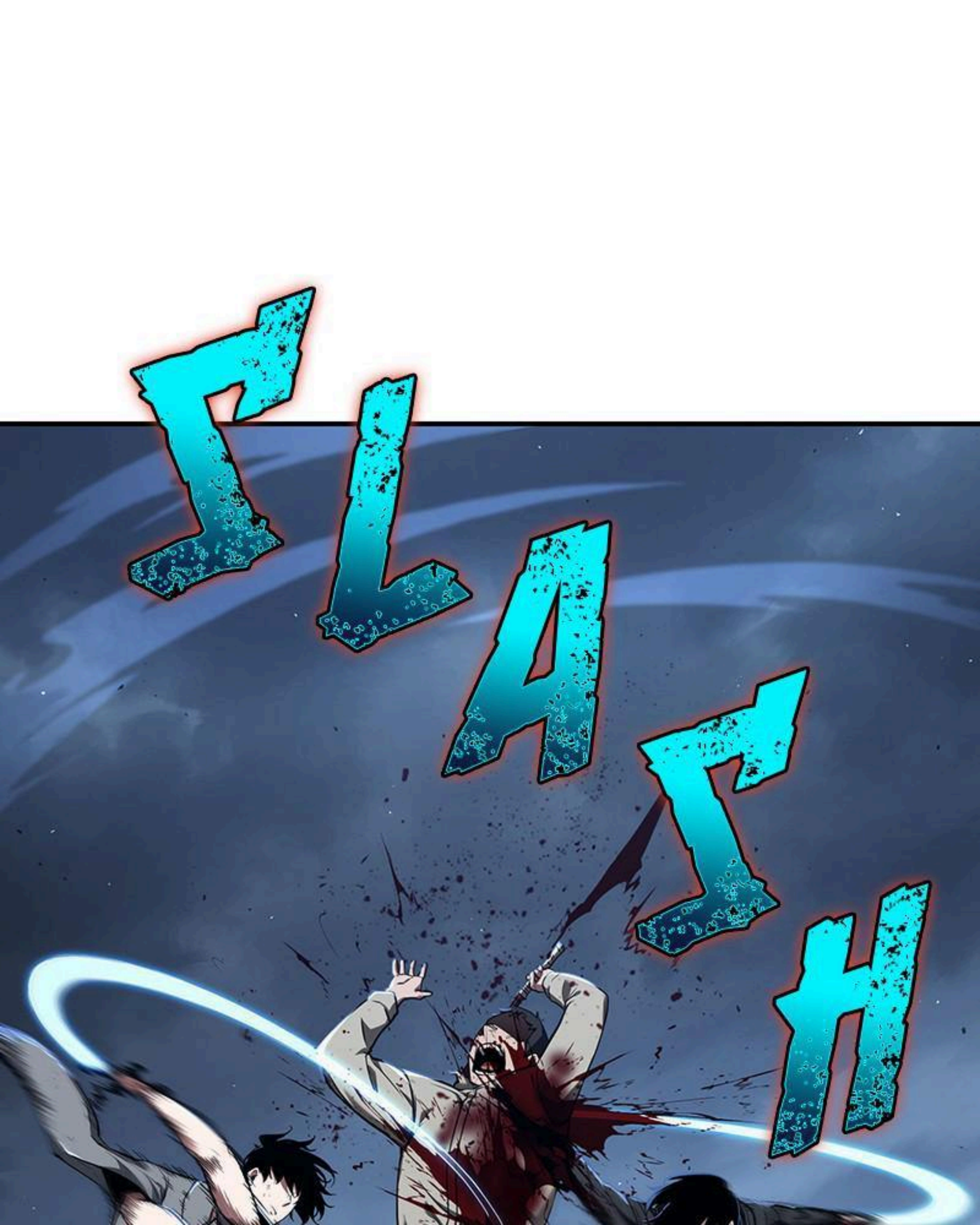


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Part 5

WOW!

**MINO
SOFT**

THE
REWARDS
AREN'T TOO
BAD.



*[YOU HAVE RECEIVED
A TOTAL OF 18,400 COINS.]*



HEHE

I DON'T
WANT TO SPLIT
THE COINS
WITH HER,

BUT
I WOULDN'T
HAVE MADE IT
WITHOUT HER.

I'LL JUST THINK OF
IT AS HER TIP.

HAHA...
I KNEW IT.



I *KNEW* THIS
WAS WHO YOU
TRULY WERE.





HUFF

HUFF





I SHOULD
HAVE REALIZED
WHEN I FIRST
HEARD THOSE
RUMORS.







WHAT'S
HE GOING ON
ABOUT?





HE SURE
TALKS A LOT
FOR A BIT-PART
ACTOR.

THUD





WHAT'S
WITH THAT
LOOK?

ARE YOU
SAD THAT HE'S
DEAD?



NO.



THEN WHY
DO YOU LOOK
SO UPSET?







I LOOK UPSET?





YOU JUST LET
HIM RAMBLE ON
JUST NOW.



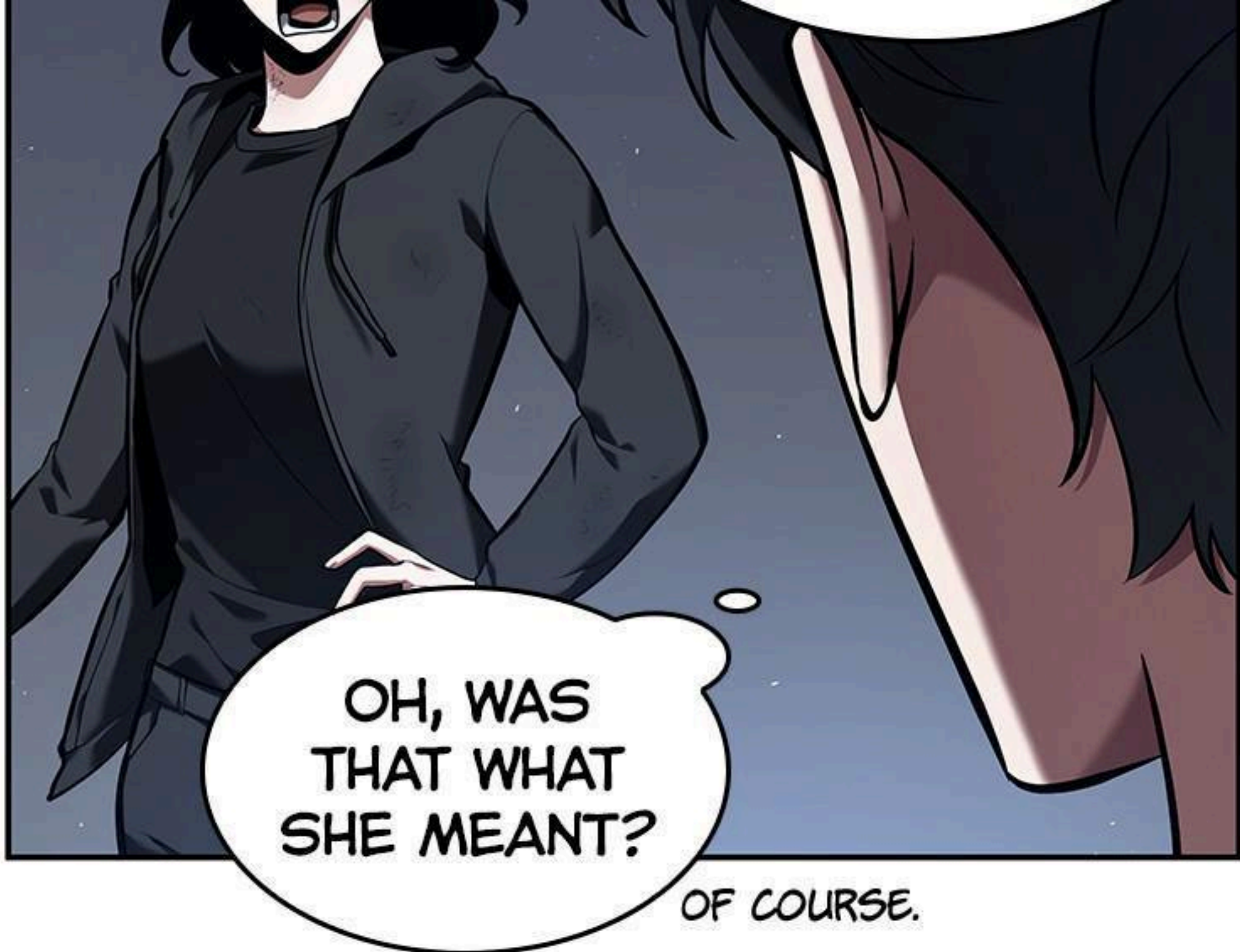


WHY
THE HELL
WOULD YOU
DO THAT?

CONSTELLATIONS
DON'T LIKE
FRUSTRATING
SITUATIONS LIKE
THAT.



YOU HAVE TO
GET STRAIGHT
TO THE ACTION,
YOU KNOW?



OH, WAS
THAT WHAT
SHE MEANT?

OF COURSE.



THERE'S
NO WAY SHE'D
BE WORRIED
ABOUT ME.

SCOFF

I DON'T THINK
YOU KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT.

YOU CAN
EARN MORE COINS
IF YOU LET THEM
HAVE THEIR SAY
BEFORE YOU KILL
THEM

THEM.

THERE'S

NO CATHARSIS
WITHOUT A LITTLE
FRUSTRATION.

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

YOU'RE WRONG.
THE READERS--
I MEAN,
CONSTELLATIONS...

PREFER TO
HAVE YOU KILL
THEM RIGHT
AWAY.



YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
AN AUTHOR.
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW?

OH?



I KNOW
EVEN BETTER.
I'M A READER.

REMEMBER?

THIS LOOKS
USEFUL.

[ITEM]

[OLD GENTLEMAN'S SUIT]



B-GRADE ARMOR
A BROWN SUIT WORN BY
AN OLD GENTLEMAN. IT MAY BE
OLD, BUT IT'S STILL CLEAN.



A young man with dark hair, wearing a brown suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a dark tie, stands against a dark, cloudy sky. He is holding a sword in his right hand, with the hilt visible. He has a thoughtful expression on his face. The background shows a dark, industrial-looking structure with a spiral staircase.

IT'S
DEFENSE STAT
ISN'T TOO
HIGH,

BUT IT'LL
BE BETTER THAN
*THE ROBE OF THE
GREAT MONK
SAMYEONG.*

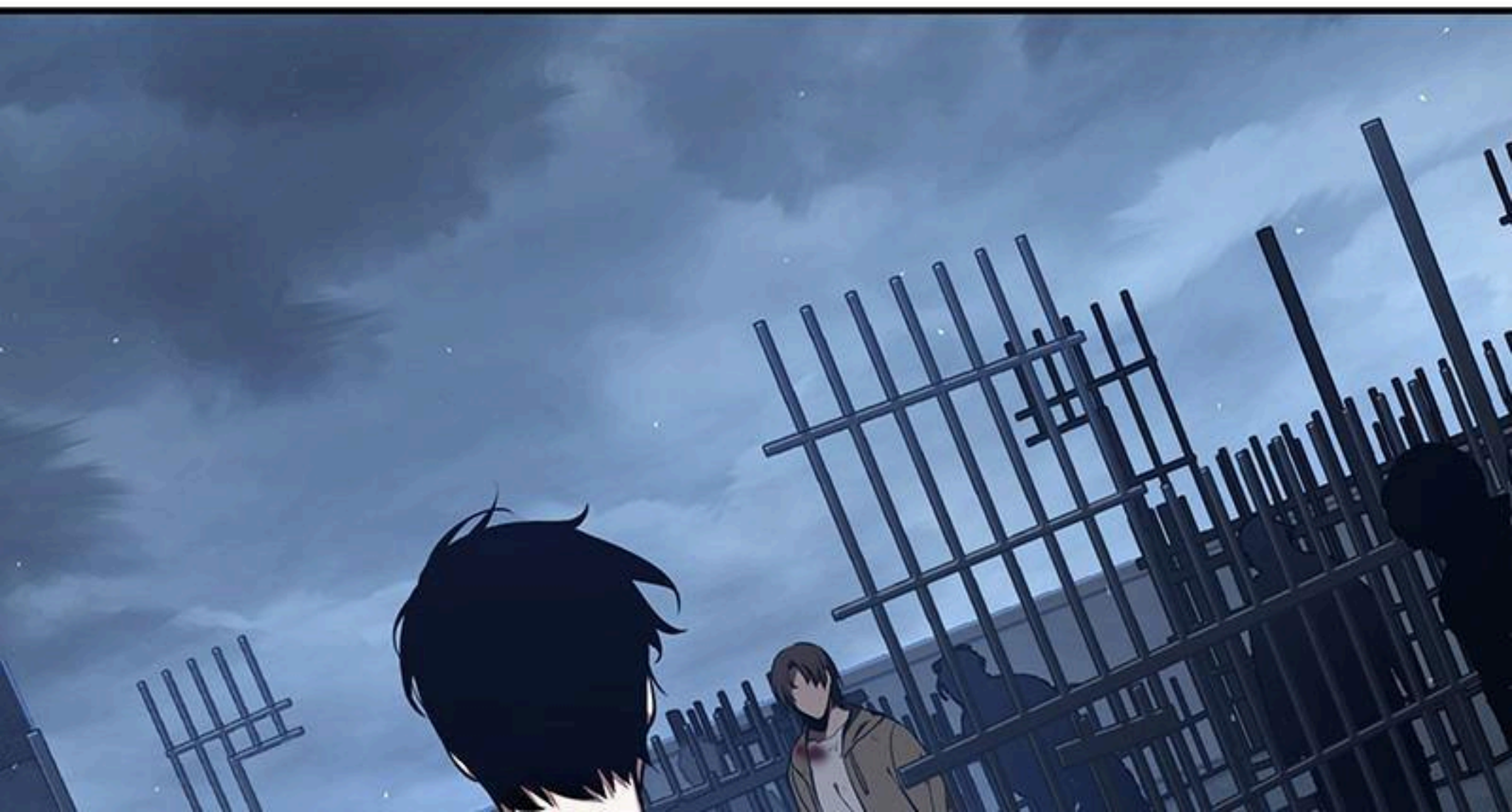


[YOU HAVE SAVED THE LIFE OF SOMEONE
OF YOUR OWN SPECIES.]

[YOUR KARMA POINT HAS INCREASED BY 1.]

[CURRENT KARMA POINTS: 25/100]









MURMUR

THAT'S HIM, RIGHT?
THE MAN WHO
RESCUED US.

DID HE WIN?

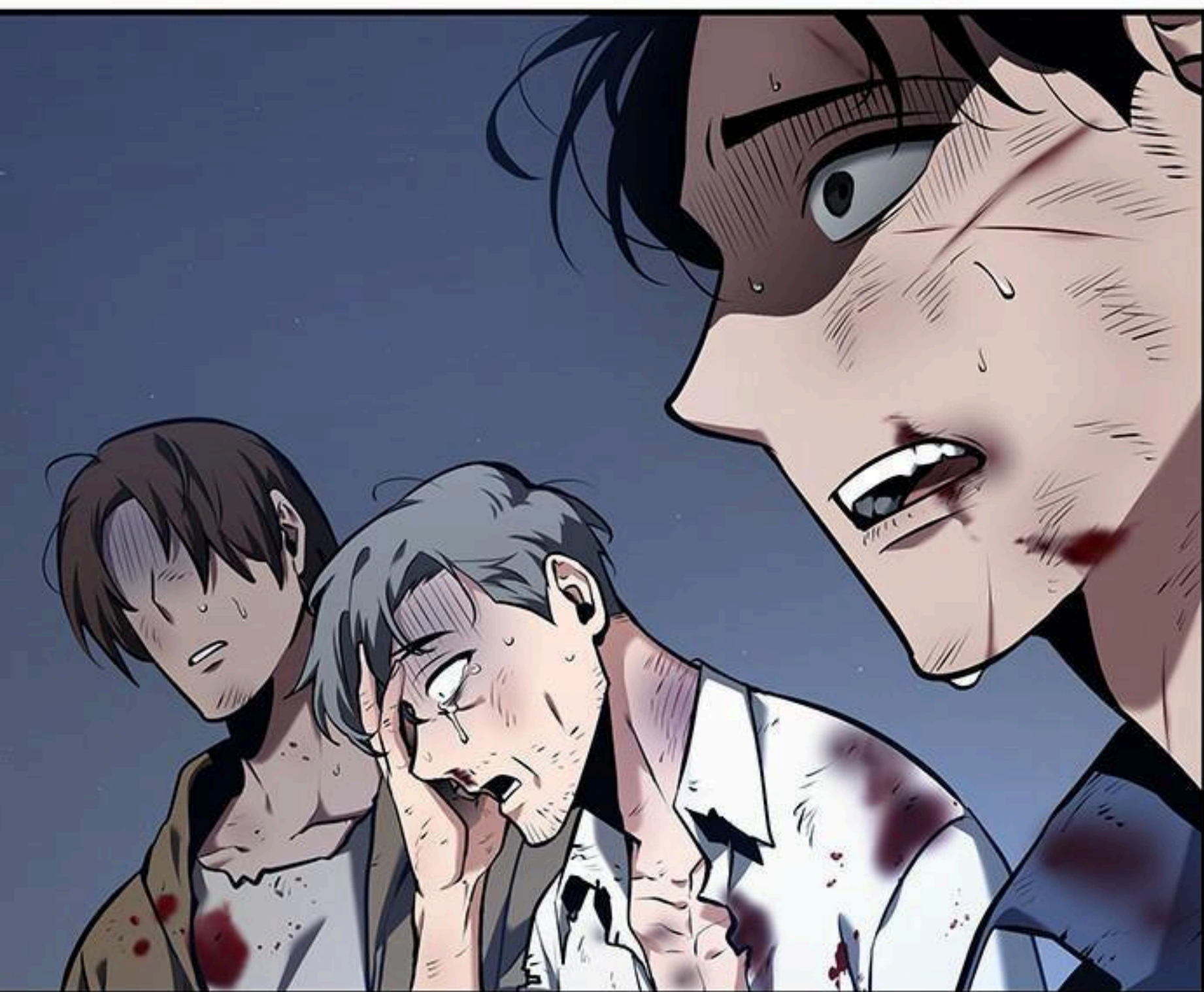




I WON'T
BE ABLE TO
HELP YOU FROM
NOW ON.

YOU'RE
ON YOUR OWN
FROM HERE.





IT MAY SEEM
HEARTLESS

HEARTLESS...



...BUT I CAN'T
AFFORD TO LOOK
AFTER THEM
RIGHT NOW.

THERE ARE
STILL PLENTY OF
ITEMS, SO HELP
YOURSELVES.

HEAD
TOWARD
CHUNGMURO
IF YOU CAN.





**THERE MAY
BE PEOPLE THERE
WHO CAN HELP.**

I-ITEMS!





SMASH

THAT'S MINE!
LET GO!





I-I GOT TO
IT FIRST!

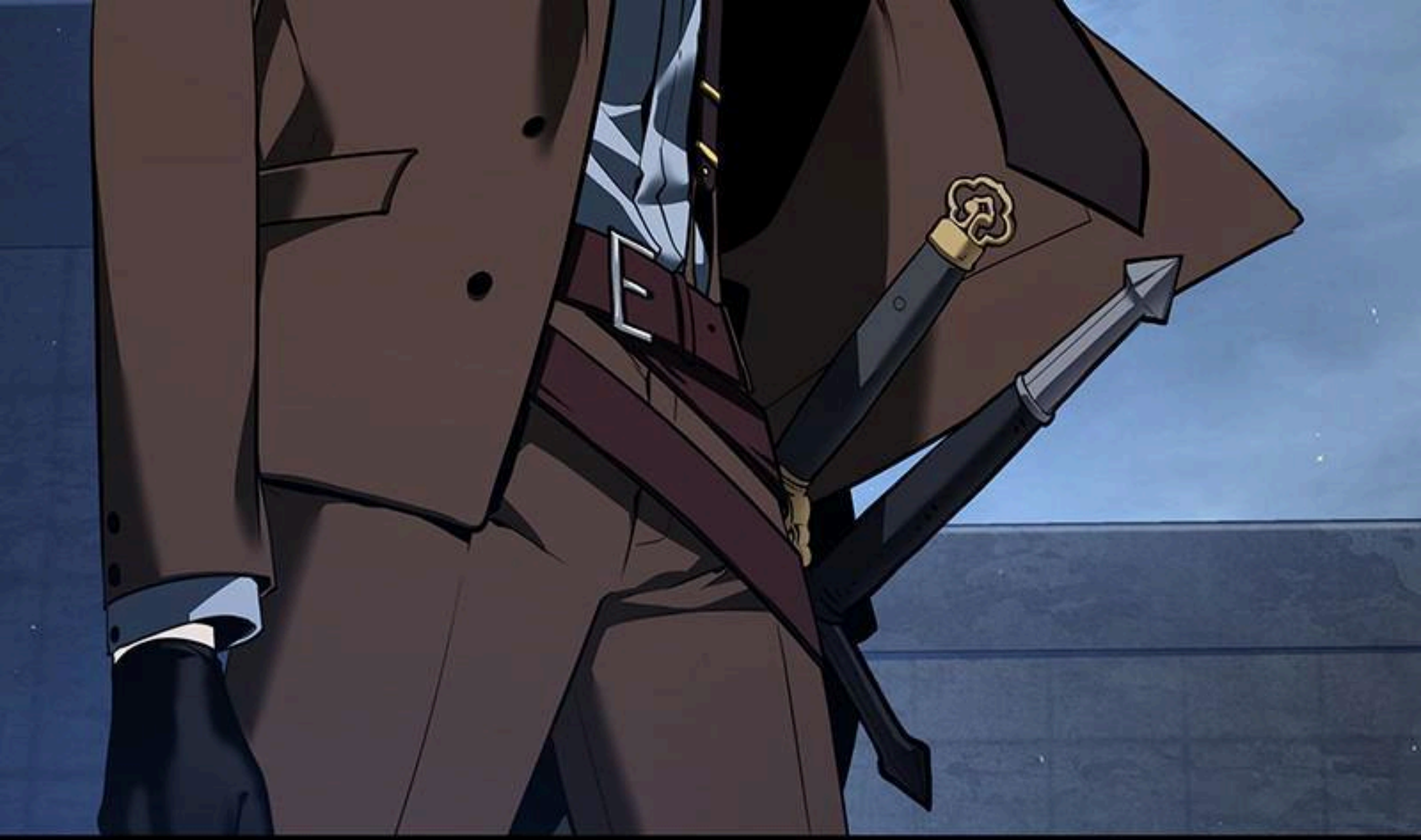


D-DID YOU
JUST HIT ME?









IS THIS WHAT
THAT DOKKAEBI
WANTED TO
SHOW ME?





**THE WORLD
WITHOUT A KING.**

A WORLD THAT
HAS SPIRALED
OUT OF CONTROL.





THE LAWS
AND PRINCIPLES
WE LIVED BY...



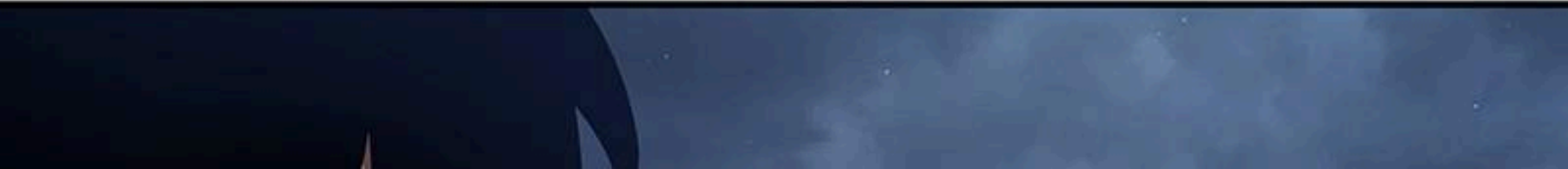


AND THE TRUST

...AND THE TRUST
WE HAD IN HUMANITY
WAS ALL FUTILE.

ARE YOU

**ARE YOU
TRYING TO GET
YOURSELVES
KILLED?**





ARE YOU ALL
ANIMALS?





GET A HOLD
OF YOURSELVES.
USE YOUR HEAD
IF YOU WANT TO
SURVIVE.





WHO KNOWS
IF YOU'LL RUN
INTO PEOPLE LIKE
THEM AGAIN?

YOU NEED TO
STICK TOGETHER,
NOT KILL EACH
OTHER.

B-BUT...

**YOU HAVE
ENOUGH WEAPONS
AND ESSENTIALS
NOW.**

**PICKING UP
A FEW EXTRA
ITEMS HERE...**





...ISN'T
GOING TO MAKE
YOU STRONGER
THAT *THIS* GUY.







UNTIL
YOU'RE SURE



YOU'RE SURE
THAT YOU'RE
UNDEFEATABLE...

...FIND YOURSELVES
SOME TRUSTWORTHY

ALLIES. THAT'S JUST
COMMON SENSE.





YOU KNOW,
THAT LINE--

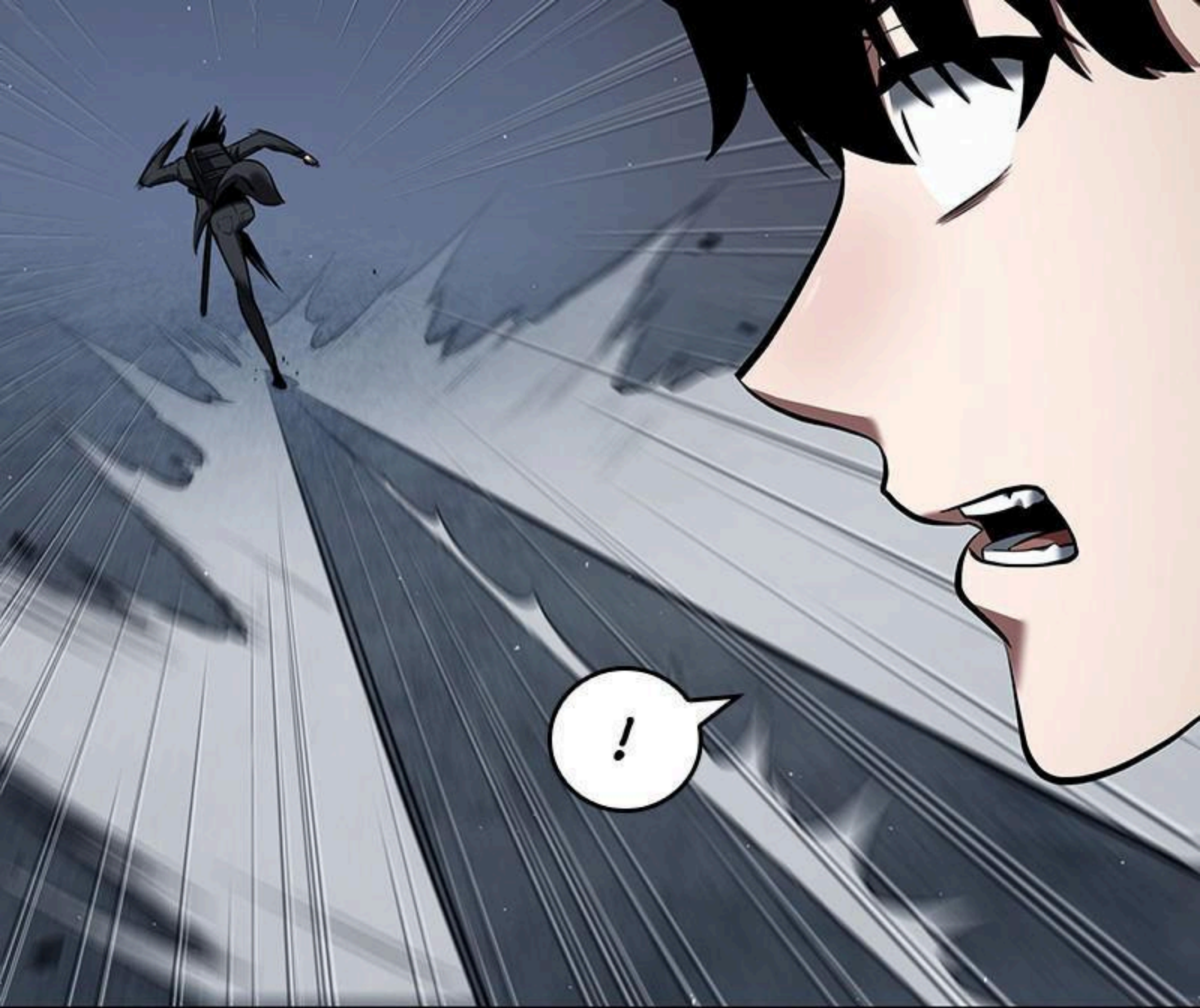
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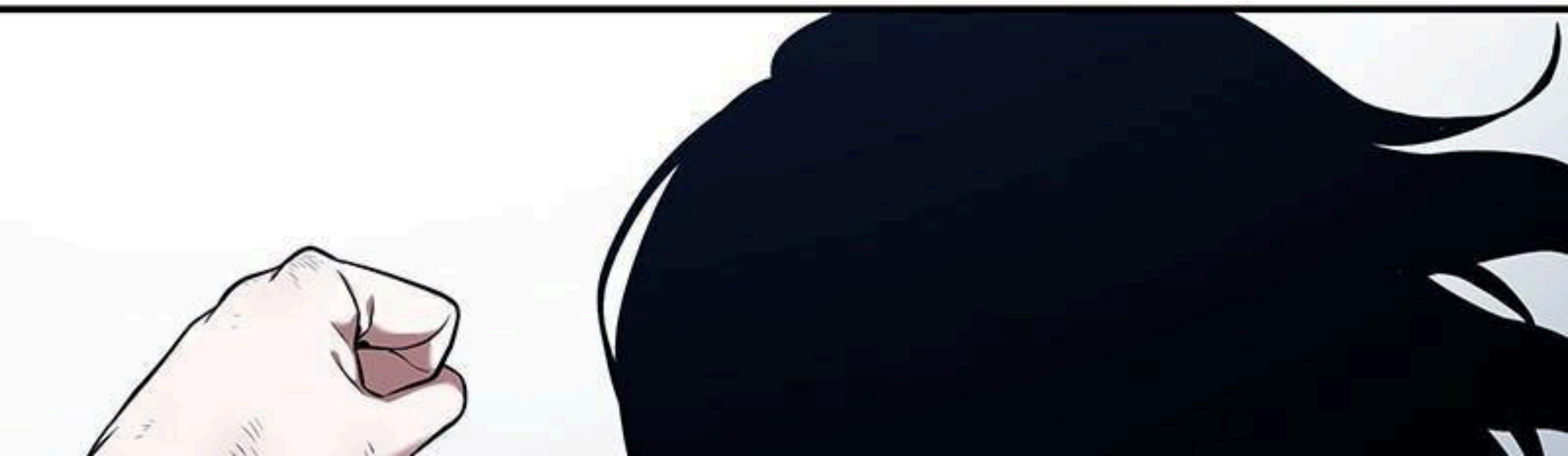




BOLT————









WHY ARE YOU
FOLLOWING ME?!

DASH





**YOU'RE
PLAGIARIZING
YOUR OWN LINES
NOW?**



"UNTIL
YOU'RE SURE
THAT YOU'RE
UNDEFEATABLE,

FIND YOURSELVES
SOME TRUSTWORTHY
ALLIES."





THIS IS WHAT
JUNGHYEOK SAID
IN *TSWA*...

TO THE SURVIVORS
WHO CAME TO
HIM ASKING FOR
ADVICE.

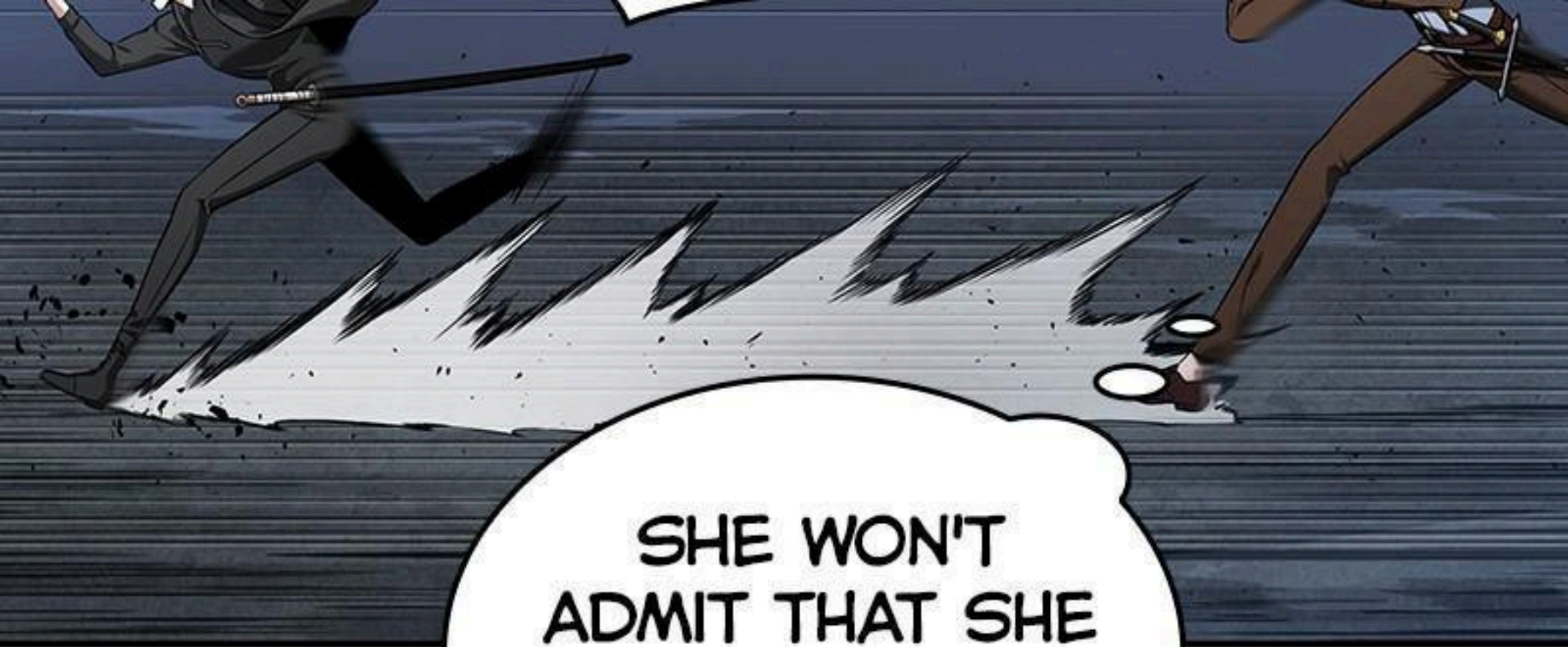
I DIDN'T
COPY ANYTHING!
THAT'S FROM
MY NOVEL!

THEN
WHY ARE YOU
RUNNING
AWAY?

BECAUSE....!

WAIT, WHY
ARE *YOU*
CHASING ME?!





SHE WON'T
ADMIT THAT SHE
PLAGIARIZED
THE NOVEL.



I HELPED
YOU...



CLUTCH

...SO
YOU STILL
OWE ME.





AH!

W-WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?!

LEND ME YOUR
POWER BANK IF

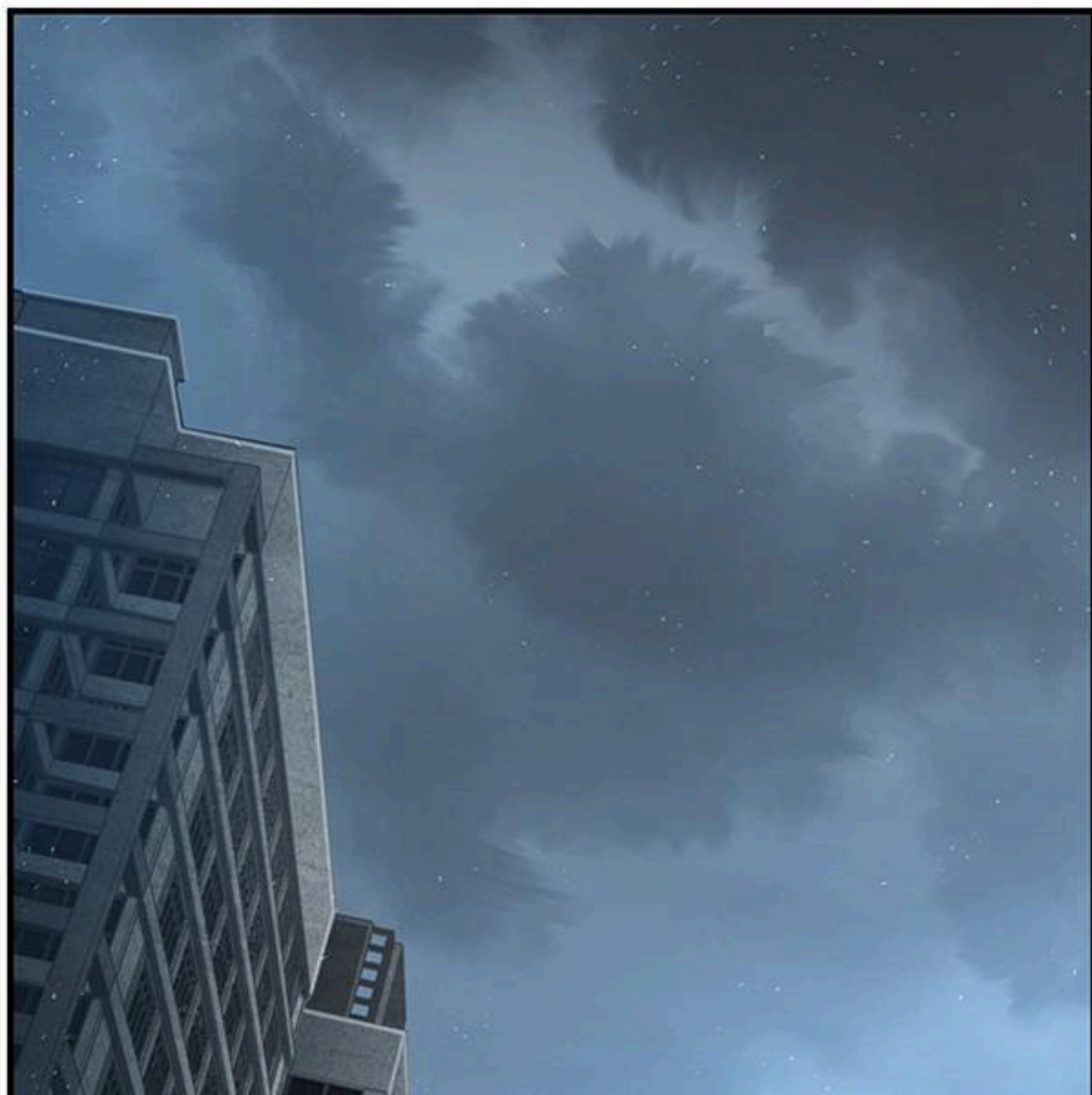
YOU HAVE ONE.

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I'M SURE
YOU HAVE
PLENTY.

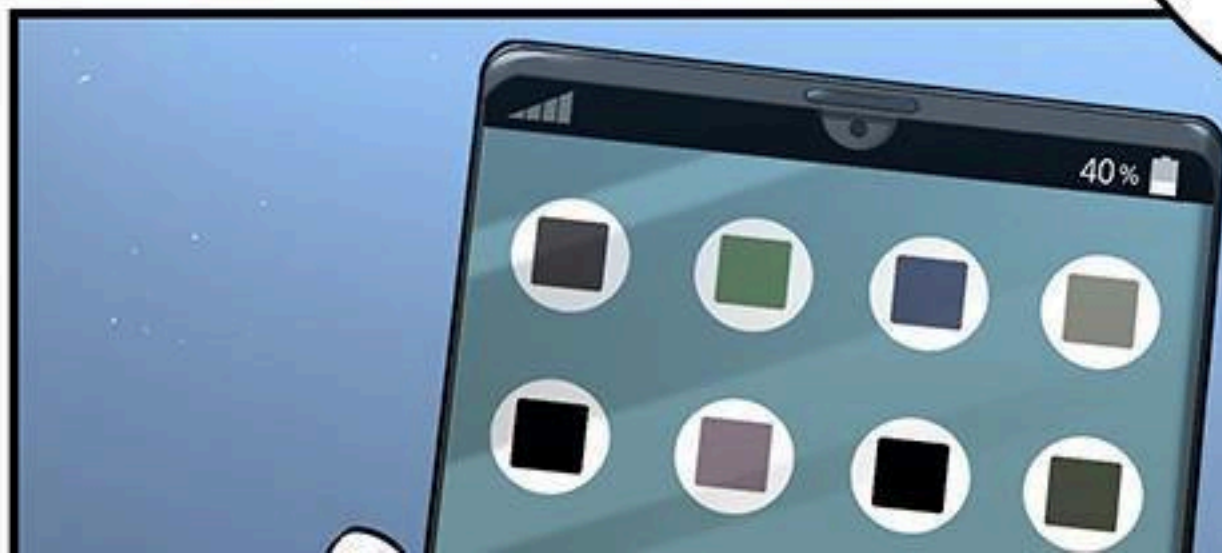
A character with long, dark, flowing hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the left. The hair is dark blue or black with lighter blue highlights and is blowing in the wind, creating a sense of movement. The background is a soft, hazy blue gradient.







**I DON'T
HAVE
ANYMORE.**





I LOST
THEM ALL IN
GWANGHWAMUN.

SEE? MY PHONE
BATTERY'S AT 40%.

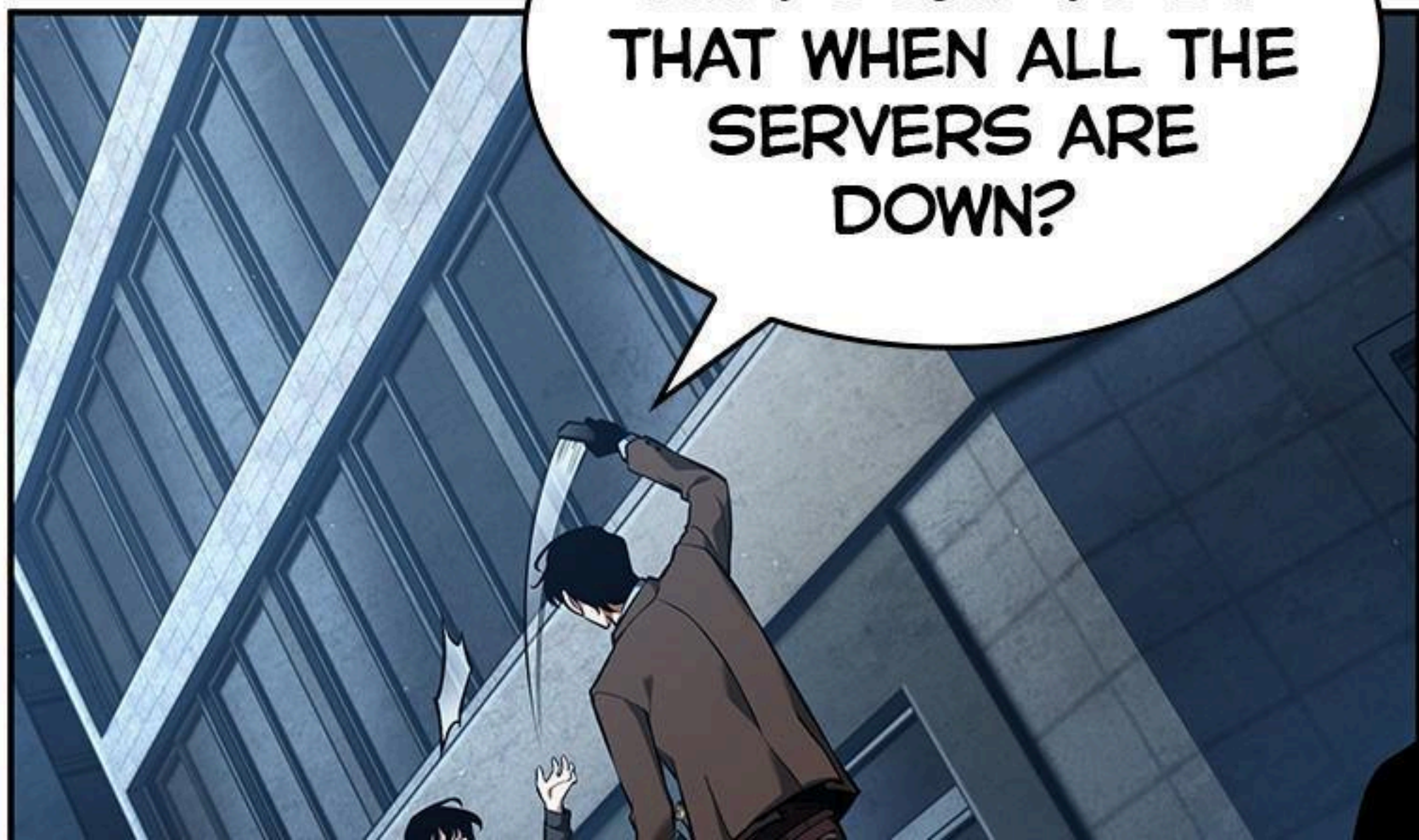
THEN LET ME



HAVE A LOOK AT
YOUR NOVEL.

NO.
YOU'LL HAVE
TO PAY FOR IT
IF YOU WANT TO
READ IT.

HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO
THAT WHEN ALL THE
SERVERS ARE
DOWN?





HEY!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!



WHAT IF THE

THE ONE WHO IS

FILE SHE HAS IS
LIKE MINE...

GIVE IT BACK!

...AND CAN
ONLY BE READ
BY HER?





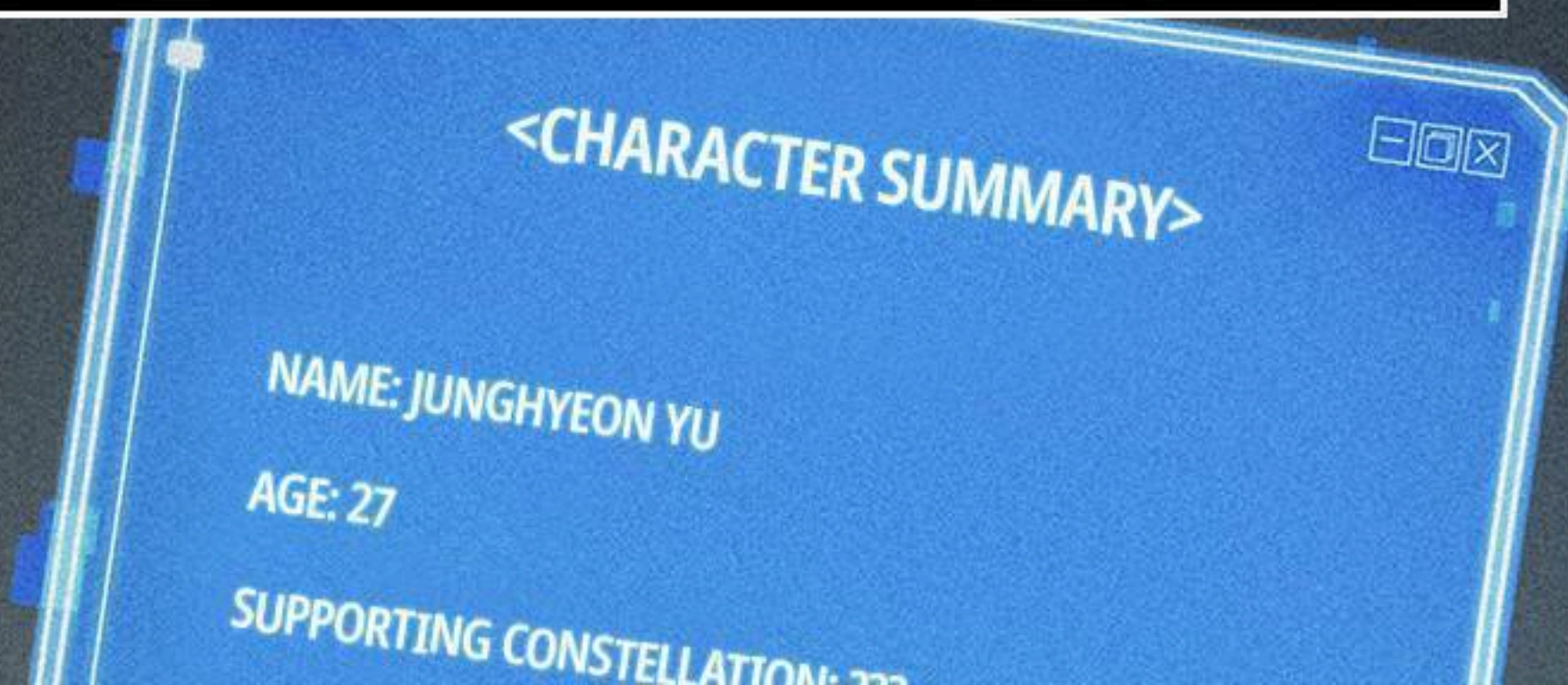
I CAN
READ THEM.

SSSSS -GRADE

INFINITE REGRESSOR



"JUNHYEON YU QUIETLY
TURNED ON HIS STATUS WINDOW.
HE WANTED TO CHECK OUT
THE EYE OF THE ENLIGHTENED,
A SKILL HE HAD JUST OBTAINED."



...TION. ???
ATTRIBUTE: THE REGRESSOR <3RD ROUND> (MYTHICAL),
PRO GAMER (RARE)

PERSONAL SKILL: [EYE OF THE ENLIGHTENED LV. 1],
[CLOSE COMBAT LV. 1], [WEAPONS PROFICIENCY LV. 1],
[MENTAL BARRIER LV. 1], [LIE DETECTION LV. 4]...

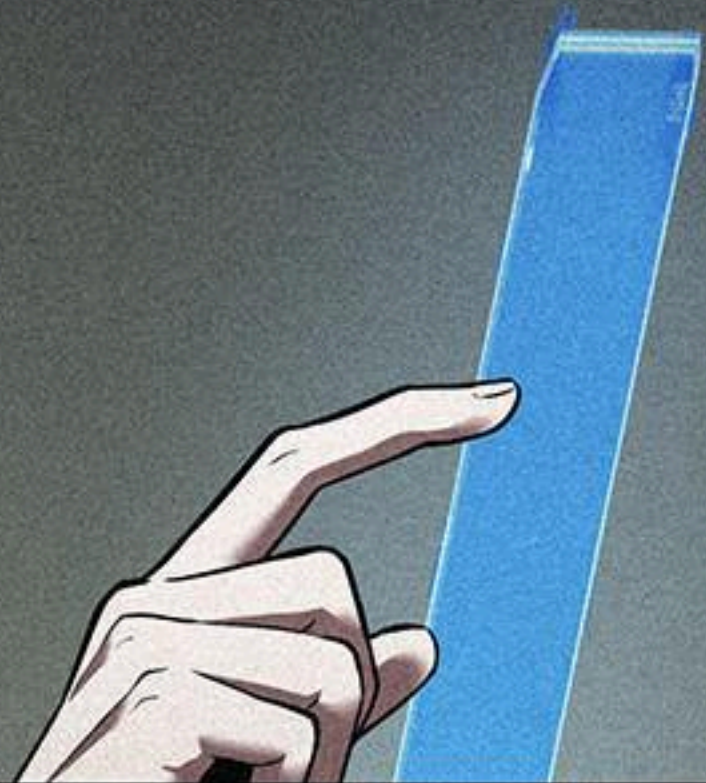
STIGMA: [RETURN FROM DEATH LV. 3]

STATS: [STAMINA LV. 24], [STRENGTH LV. 24],
[AGILITY LV. 25], [MANA LV. 23]

I FINALLY HAVE
THE EYE OF THE
ENLIGHTENED!

I'VE
GOTTEN LUCKY
THIS ROUND.

"JUNGHYEON SMILED
AS HE READ HIS
STATUS WINDOW."







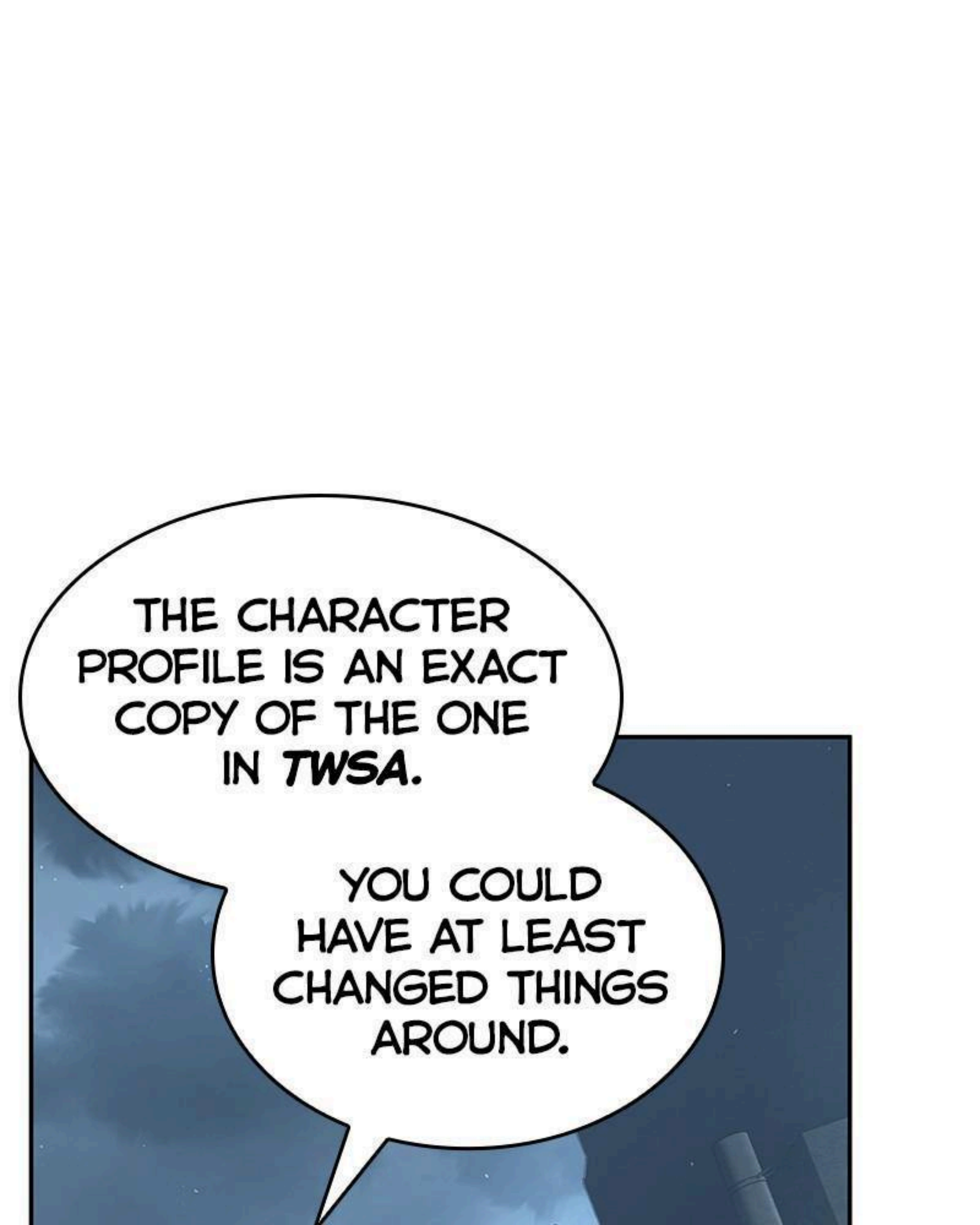


YOU



YOU
REALLY MUST
NOT HAVE A
CONSCIENCE.

WHAT?!

A comic panel featuring a dark blue background with a subtle, lighter blue cloud-like pattern. Two white speech bubbles with black outlines are positioned in the center. The top bubble is larger and contains the first line of text, while the bottom bubble is smaller and contains the second line. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

THE CHARACTER
PROFILE IS AN EXACT
COPY OF THE ONE
IN *TWSA*.

YOU COULD
HAVE AT LEAST
CHANGED THINGS
AROUND.



**TWSA REFERS
TO THEM AS
SUPPORTING
CONSTELLATIONS,**

**BUT
I CALL THEM
SPONSORS!**

THEY'RE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT!





**YEAH,
WHATEVER.**

**THEN WHAT
ABOUT THE NAME
OF THE MAIN
CHARACTER?**



THERE'S EVEN
A TYPO HERE.
IT SAYS
JUNGHYEON.

IF THE
AUTHOR OF
TWSA SEES
THIS...

YOU DIDN'T
COPY-AND-
PASTE THIS,
DID YOU?

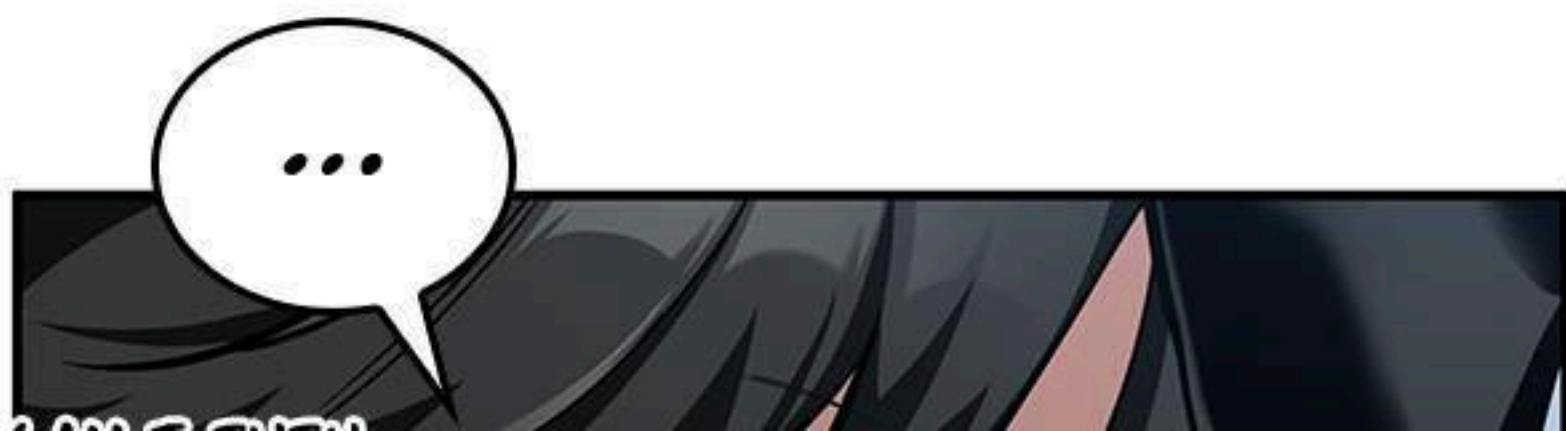
YOU...!



SO, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR?

HOW MANY
EPISODES HAVE
YOU READ OF
THE ORIGINAL
NOVEL?

99...



WHY AM I EVEN
ANSWERING HIM?



HEY!
GIVE THAT
BACK!

push

SO IT WAS HER
WHO READ UP
TO EPISODE 99.

WHAT WOULD
THE AUTHOR OF
TWSA SAY...

IF HE FOUND OUT
THE PERSON WHO HAD
READ HIS NOVEL THE MOST
BESIDES ME WAS IN FACT
THE PLAGIARIST?

THEN YOU MUST
KNOW WHERE THE

**METEORITE WILL
APPEAR.**

**IS THIS
IN YOUR NOVEL
AS WELL?**

**THERE ARE
NO *METEORITES*
IN MINE!**

REALLY?

I THOUGHT



SHE WOULD HAVE
COPIED THAT TOO.

BUT THERE IS
A THING CALLED
THE **SEALING STONE**.

HEY!
STOP PUSHING ME!

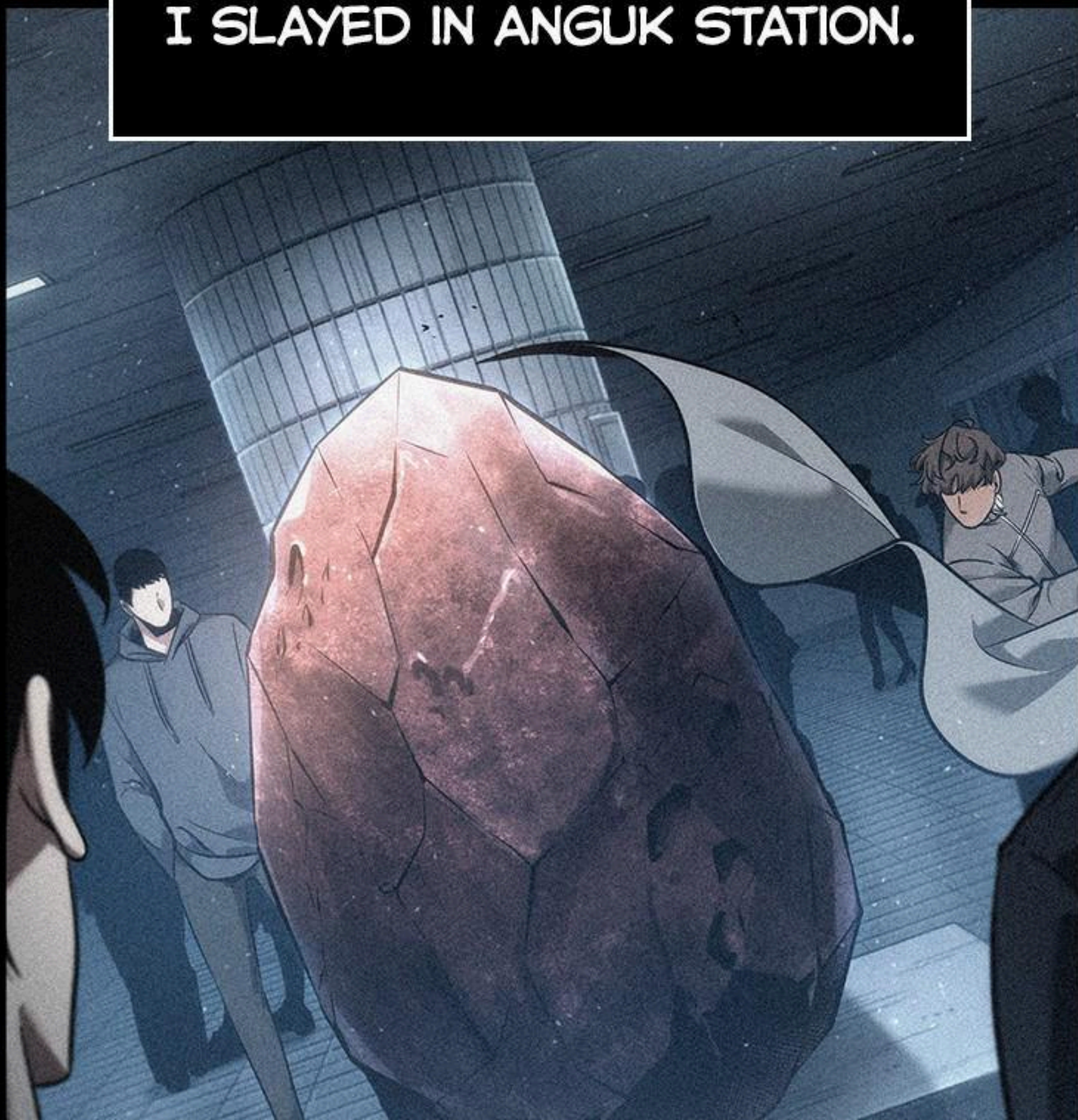




...

SO SHE DID.

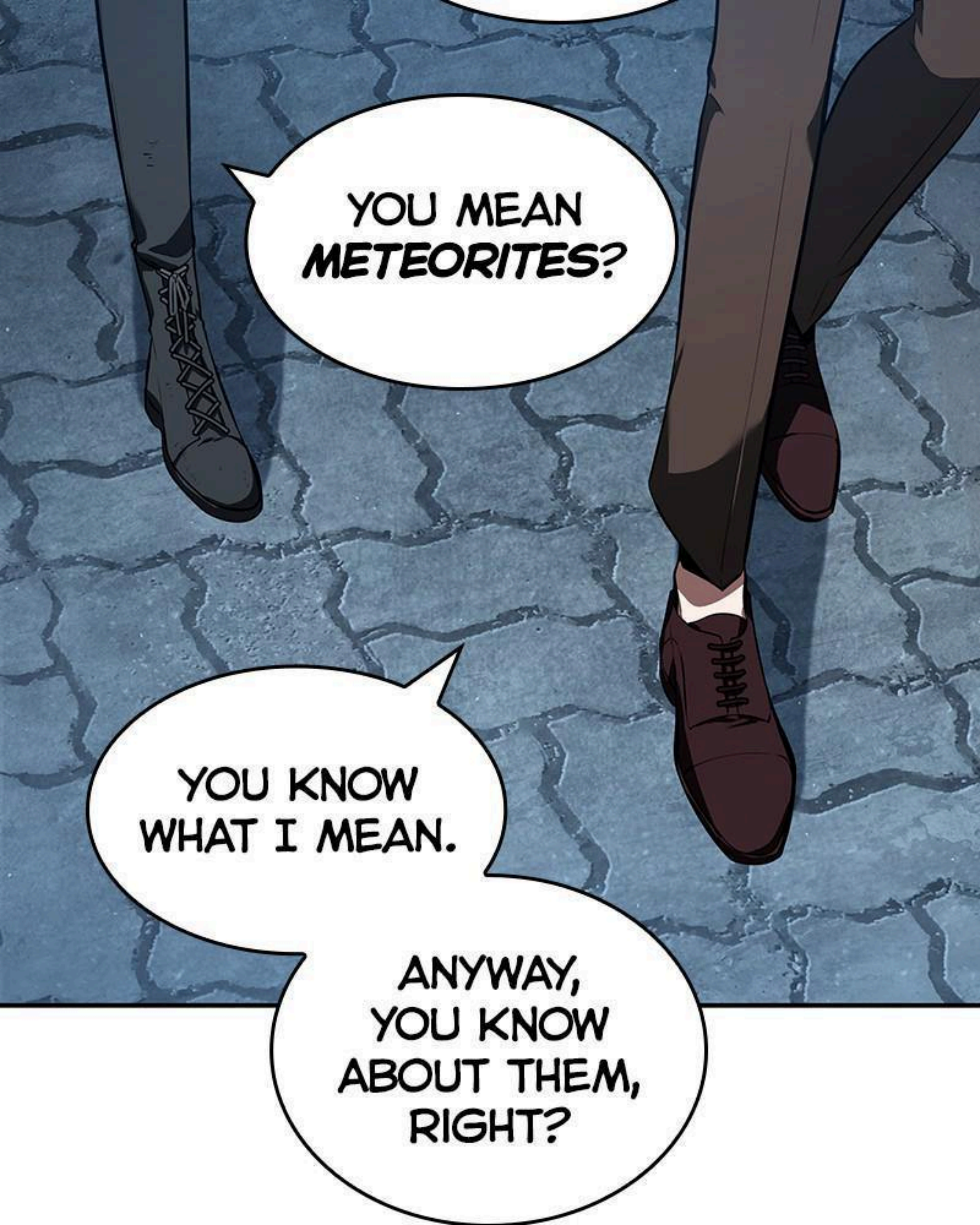
SUYEONG WAS THE ONE
WHO FOUND THE METEORITE
THAT HAD THE *FIRE DRAGON*
I SLAYED IN ANGUK STATION.





I'M GOING TO
GO LOOK FOR
THE **SEALING
STONES.**





YOU MEAN
METEORITES?

YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN.

ANYWAY,
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THEM,
RIGHT?





COME TO
THINK OF IT, I PUT
THOSE FIRE DRAGON
CARCASSES UP FOR
AUCTION.

I WONDER
IF THEY'VE
BEEN SOLD.

BIHYEONG.

ENT -



I GUESS

THE DOKKAEBI OF
SEOUL MUST BE
IN A MEETING.

NOW THAT
THIS SCENARIO
IS RUINED...

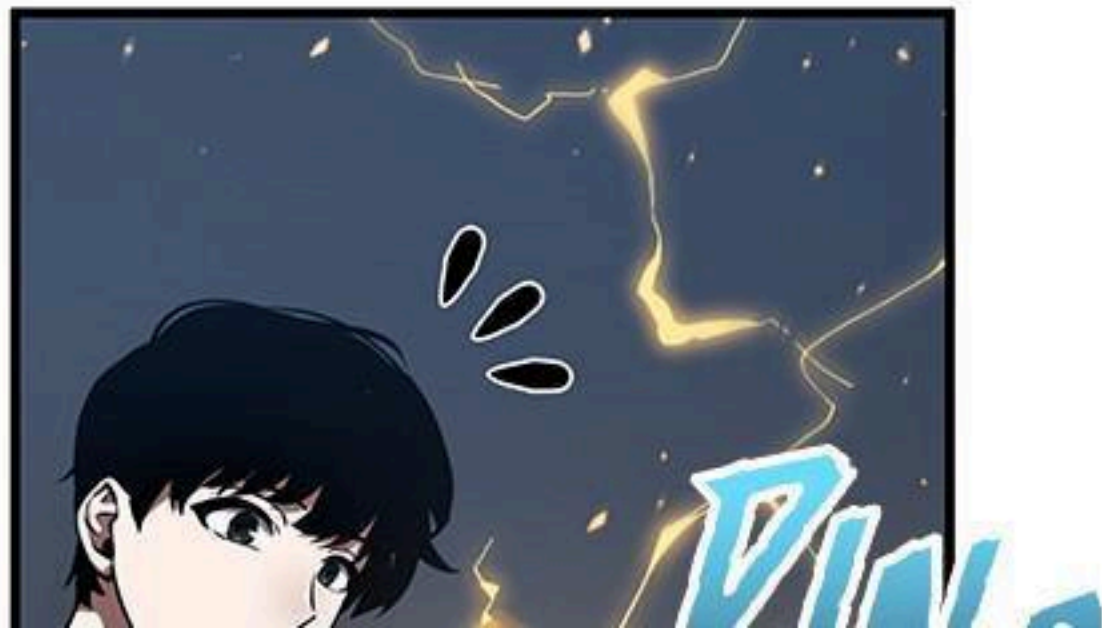
HOW ABOUT A TIMED
BOOST ITEM?

HOW ABOUT
A RANDOM BOX
FOR SKILLS?

LET'S JUST
SELL LOTS OF
COIN ITEMS.

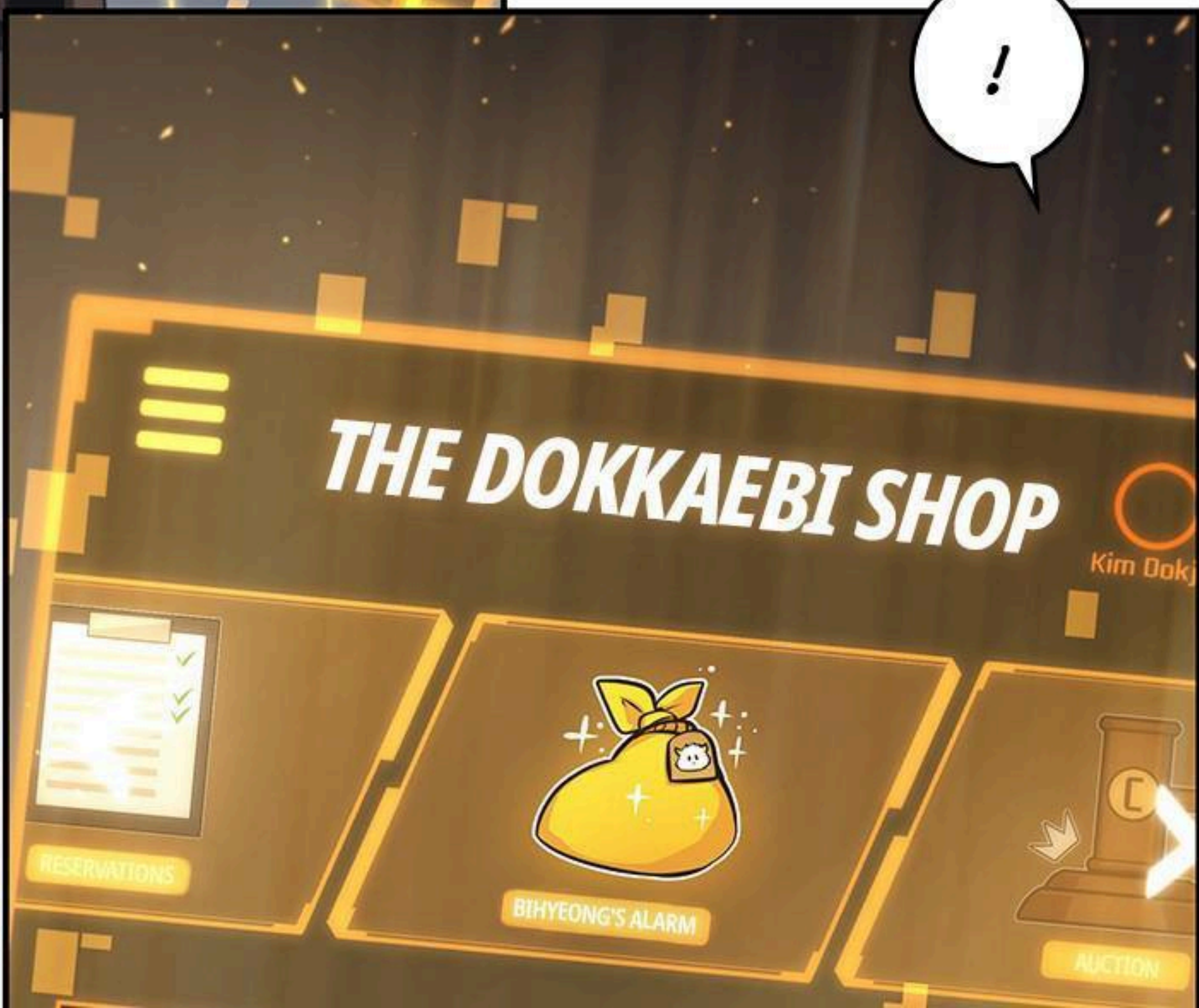
GIVE ME SOME IDEAS.







ING





THE DOKKAEBI SHOP!

BIHYEONG,
THAT JERK. ALWAYS
TOO BUSY TO MESSAGE
ME BUT STILL TRYING
TO SELL ME STUFF.

HE DIDN'T
FORGET TO PUT
ON ADS.



[MANY CONSTELLATIONS ARE
FRUSTRATED BY THE SUDDEN AD.]

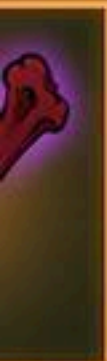


!!!

THE DOKA

ALL THE ITEMS
I PUT UP FOR
AUCTION HAVE
BEEN SOLD!

[ITEM, ***FIRE DRAGON SCALE,***
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR 8.000 COINS.]



**[ITEM, *FIRE DRAGON BONE*,
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR 5,000 COINS.]**



**[ITEM, *FIRE DRAGON BONE*,
HAS BEEN SOLD FOR 22,222 COINS.]**

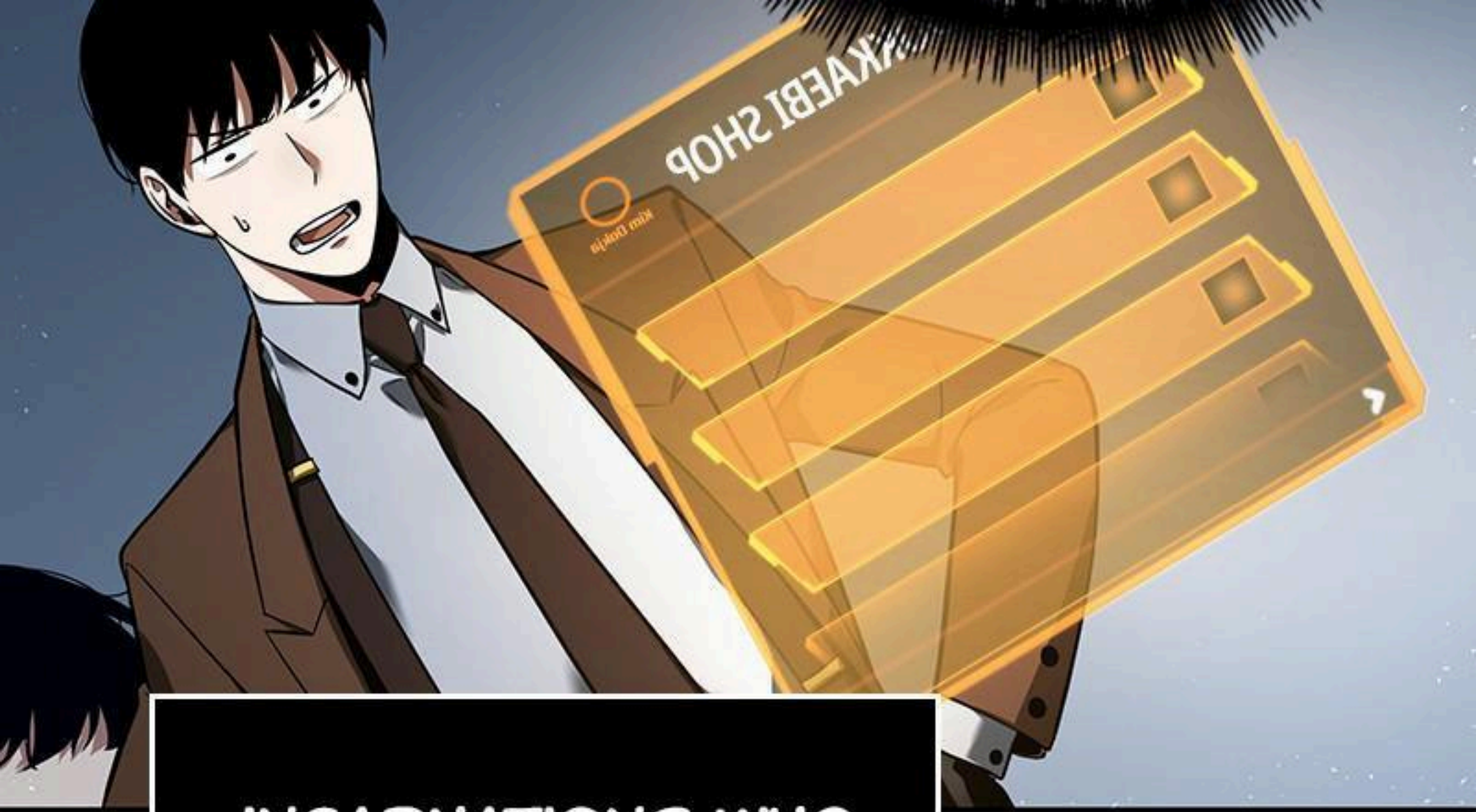


**SOMEONE
ACTUALLY BOUGHT
THEM AT THESE
PRICES?!**



IF I KNEW
THIS WOULD HAPPEN,
I SHOULD HAVE LISTED
THEM AT 99,999 COINS.

THEY EVEN
TOOK THE BONE
I PUT UP BECAUSE
I DIDN'T HAVE
ANYWHERE TO
STORE IT!

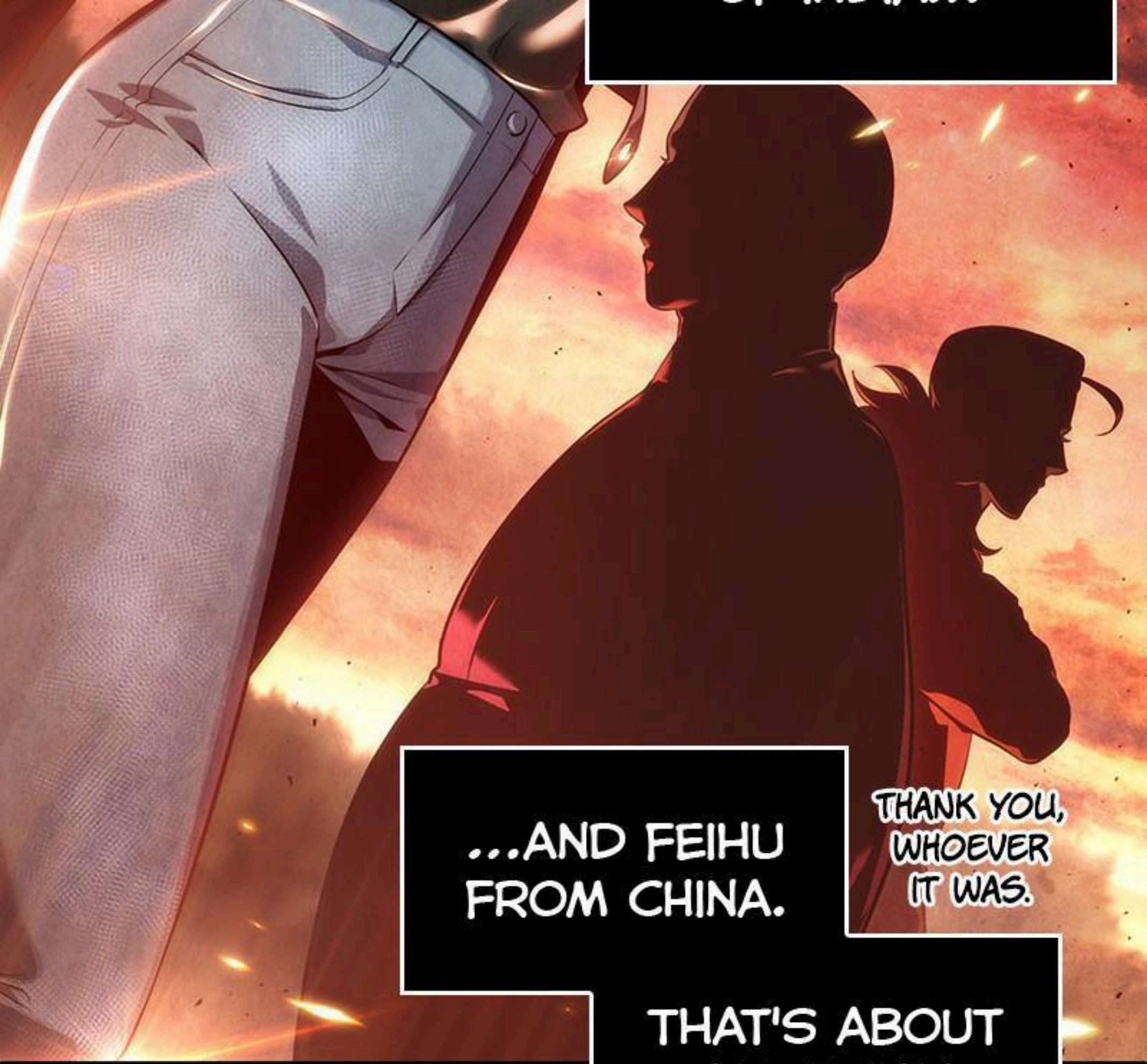


INCARNATIONS WHO
WOULD HAVE THIS
MUCH MONEY ARE...

...ANNA CROFT,
WHO IS
SUPPORTED BY
A NEBULA...



...RANVEER KHAN
OF INDIA...



...AND FEIHU
FROM CHINA.

THANK YOU,
WHOEVER
IT WAS.

THAT'S ABOUT
ALL I CAN
THINK OF.



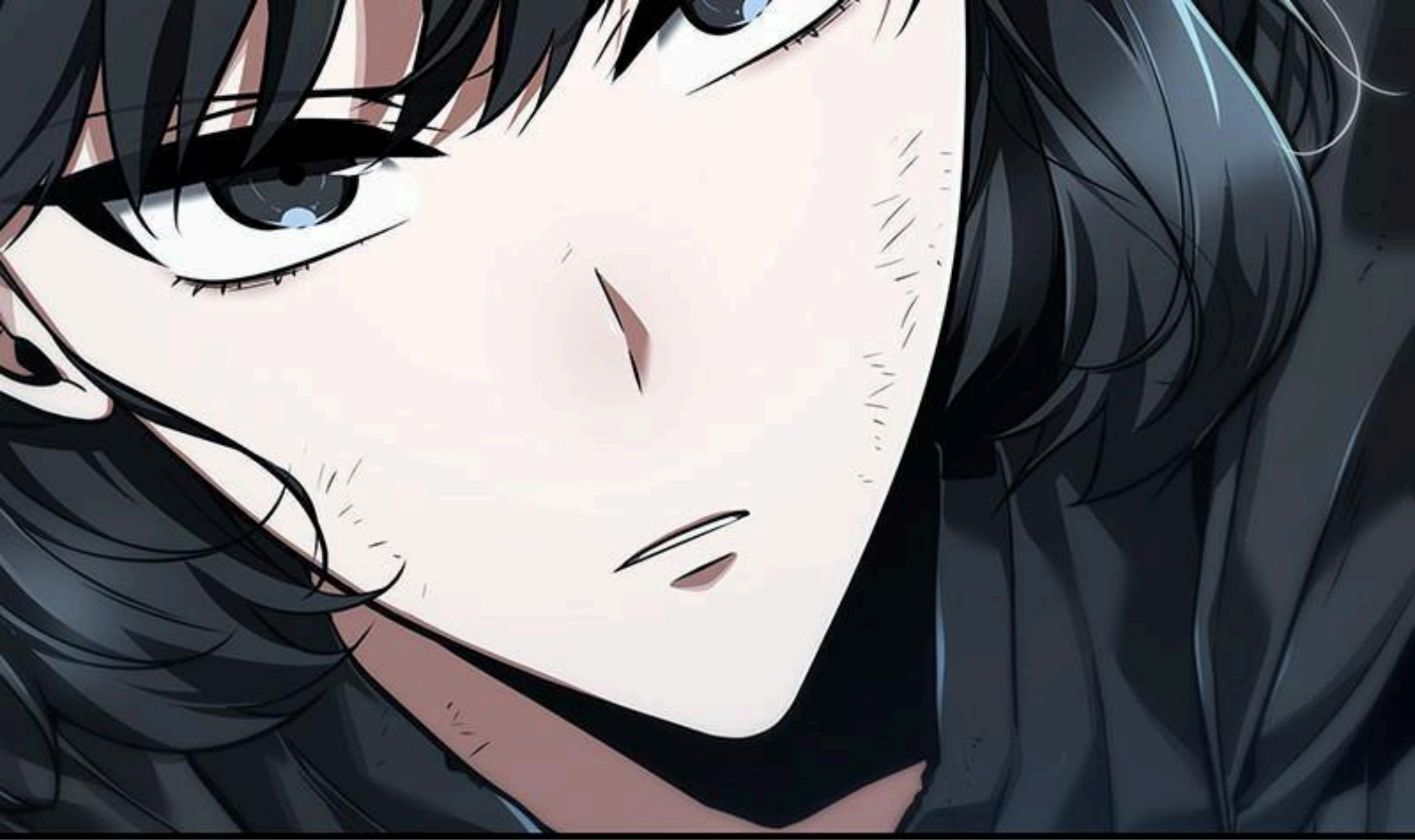
**BUT
WHY DO YOU
WANT ME TO
GO WITH
YOU?**

**YOU CAN
PROBABLY
MAKE IT
ALONE.**



THAT'S RIGHT.
IT MIGHT BE A GAMBLE
TO TAKE SUYEONG
WITH ME.





I ALMOST
DIED BECAUSE
OF HER...



...AND
IF I LOOK
AT EVERYTHING
SHE'S DONE
SO FAR,

**SHE'S
A HORRIBLE
PERSON.**

**BUT HER
[AVATARI] SKILL
IS PRETTY
USEFUL,**

**AND SHE
KNOWS THE MOST
ABOUT THE NOVEL**

BESIDES ME.

SHE'LL
DEFINITELY
BE USEFUL.

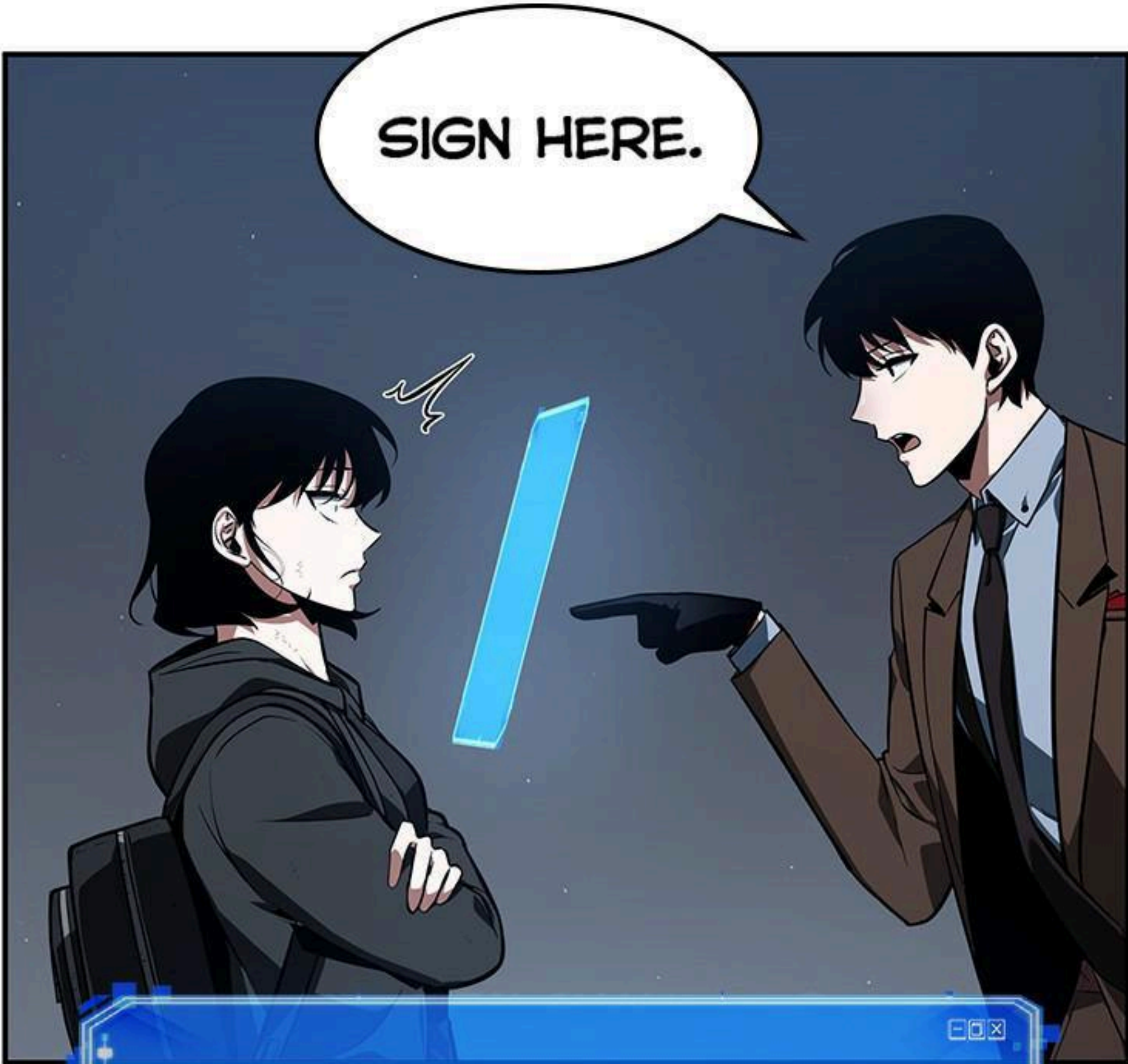


A comic panel featuring a character with dark hair and a white headband. The character is looking down with a serious expression. A large speech bubble is positioned above their head, containing the text "YOU SAID SO YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?". The background is dark blue with some architectural details visible at the top.

YOU SAID
SO YOURSELF,
DIDN'T YOU?

THAT FINDING
TRUSTWORTHY
ALLIES IS THE KEY
TO SURVIVAL.





SIGN HERE.

[USING ITEM, *TEMPORARY PLEDGE.*]



<TEMPORARY PLEDGE>

1. DOKJA KIM AND SUYEONG HAN WILL BE UNDER A CONTRACT UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT SUB SCENARIO.
2. BOTH PARTIES WILL NOT HARM EACH OTHER UNTIL THE END OF THE SUB SCENARIO.
3. BOTH PARTIES WILL TAKE TURNS SLEEPING TO BYPASS [THE SLEEP PENALTY].
4. ▶ CLICK TO EXPAND
5. ▶ CLICK TO EXPAND
6. SUYEONG MUST FOLLOW DOKJA'S ORDERS THE ENTIRE TIME THE CONTRACT IS IN EFFECT.
7. SUYEONG WILL COOPERATE WITH DOKJA IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE SCENARIO DURING THE CONTRACT AND FOLLOW HIS ORDERS AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT END WITH HER LIFE.

HIS ORDERS AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT THREATEN HER LIFE.

8. DOKJA WILL PROTECT SUYEONG WHILE THE CONTRACT IS IN EFFECT.

9. THE CONTRACT WILL COME TO AN END AS SOON AS THE SUB SCENARIO IS COMPLETE. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE EXTINCTION OF THE VIOLATOR'S PHYSICAL BODY.



IT'S NOT
AS BINDING
AS A **SUPPORT**
CONTRACT,

BUT THIS
WILL BE PERFECT
FOR NOW.



DO YOU
THINK I'LL SIGN
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS?

I'M NOT
FORCING
YOU.





AND WHY
DO I HAVE
TO FOLLOW
ORDERS?



I'VE NEVER
DONE THAT EVER
IN MY LIFE.

THAT'S
GREAT. THERE'S
A FIRST FOR
EVERYTHING.


DAMN IT!

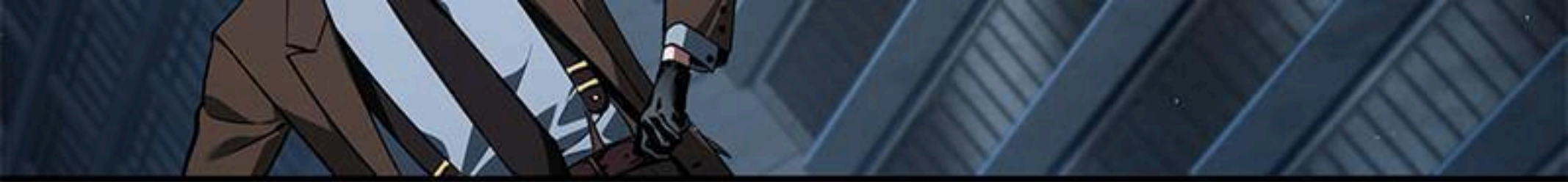
OKAY. I'LL
SIGN IT.



**BUT
UNDER ONE
CONDITION.**

**WHAT
IS IT?**





WE HAVE
TO SHARE OUR
INTEL.

I HAVE
A LOT I WANT
TO ASK YOU.



AND
YOU BETTER
NOT LIE



A close-up illustration of a character's face, focusing on the right eye and dark, layered hair. The character has a small mole on their cheek. A speech bubble is positioned above the head.

I HAVE THE
[LIE DETECTION]
SKILL.



[CHARACTER, *SUYEONG HAN*, HAS ACTIVATED
THE SKILL, *LIE DETECTION LV. 1!*]



JUST
WHAT THE
HELL...



**...IS YOUR
ATTRIBUTE?**



<SUB SCENARIO - SURVIVAL ACTIVITIES>

CATEGORY: SUB

DIFFICULTY: C+

CLEAR CONDITIONS:

SURVIVE IN THE RUINED CITY FOR TEN DAYS. YOU MUST:

1. EAT THREE MEALS A DAY
2. SLEEP FOR SIX HOURS EVERY NIGHT
3. PAY A SURVIVAL FEE OF 500 COINS BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP

IF YOU FAIL TO PERFORM ANY OF THE THREE CONDITIONS, YOU WILL BE MET WITH A PENALTY.

DURATION: TEN DAYS

REWARD: NONE

PENALTY UPON FAILURE: DEATH

* THIS IS A SCENARIO WHERE THE [COIN EVENT] IS APPLIED.

* ALL MONSTERS THAT APPEAR DURING THE SCENARIO

HAVE A CHANCE TO DROP COINS WHEN DEFEATED.



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